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Americans Capture Essen And Coburg

Two U. S. Armies Racing Neck-To-Neck For Berlin

LONDON, April 11. (U. P. A. and Reuter): The American Seventeenth Armoured Division has captured Essen, the great arms City of the Ruhr. The U. S. Second Armoured Division has passed Brunswick. The city of Gelsenkirchen has fallen to the Allies. American infantry has entered the City of Erfurt. The Luxembourg radio reported that the German City of Coburg has been captured by U. S. Troops in a surprise attack.

THREE GERMAN CITIES THREATENED

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter).—The United States First and Ninth Armies are tonight racing neck and neck for Berlin and it is not clear which is the nearest to the Reich Capital. The Ninth Army is officially placed west of Brunswick, 120 miles from Berlin but a Reuter cable from S.H.A.E.F. today said that it was only 100 miles from the Reich Capital. The First Army is now seven miles beyond Nordhausen and about 115 miles from the capital.

Three of the biggest cities of the North German plain are today threatened by four Big Allied armies linked to form a solid 100-mile front facing Berlin and the German Baltic coast. British spearheads striking north-east from the Weser bridgehead are now within 55 miles of Germany's greatest port, Hamburg. Other British units are only four miles from Bremen, said a Reuter cable from the British Second Army front. Finally, two columns of the Ninth Army are striking east towards Magdeburg and have advanced five miles south and east of Brunswick.

In the south the First French Army has entered the northern spurs of the black-forest south of Karlsruhe against fanatical German resistance.

Allied armies in the west are estimated to have taken 800,000 prisoners in the first ten days of April.

The German News Agency reported that Allied tanks have entered the Ruhr city of Bochum.

The Canadians now hold one half of Northern Holland and armoured columns continue to thrust north-east into Germany. One armoured column driving up through Holland is only 25 miles south of Groeningen.

The Allies have occupied Deventer against strong opposition, said General Eisenhower's communique' today. On Sunday and Monday Allied forces in the west took 54,395 prisoners.

Victory Celebrations To Last Three Days

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter)

Dominions delegates have discussed plans for armistice celebrations when Germany is beaten. It has been agreed that these celebrations should last three days but at the same time there is a strong feeling that some action should be taken to keep the Pacific war before the public.

Britain will proceed with her programme, which includes a broadcast by the King and a speech by Mr. Churchill but official emphasis will be placed on the unfinished war against Japan and there will be calls for an all-out effort to end the Pacific war decisively at the earliest possible time.

Allied Progress Beyond Thazi

AD. HQ., ALFSEA, April 11 (A. P. I.): "Fourteenth Army Front: Our troops have pushed on beyond Thazi and are covering from the north and west on Hlaingdet, eight miles to the east on the main road to the Shan States, says To-day's SEAC 'communique.'

"Armoured columns operating from the Meiktila base have inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy. Guns and dumps have been captured.

Germans Fear Red Offensive In Upper Silesia

LONDON, April 11. (Reuter). The German News Agency tonight said that the Commander of the German Central Army Group on the Eastern Front,

Junction On Thursday?

U. S. FIRST ARMY H.Q., April 11. (U. P. A.): Gen. Hodges' U. S. troops probably will effect a junction with Russian troops before Saturday east of the Elbe river, it was said here to-day. The junction may come during Thursday.

Massa Falls To Fifth Army

Eighth Army Offensive Going Well

A. Hq., Mediterranean, April 11 (Reuter):

The Fifth Army have captured Massa, 17 miles south-east of the naval base of Spezia, says to-day's 'communique.'

Lugo, Fusignano and Cotignola, three of the major positions in the German defensive line along the north bank of the Senio river, less than 25 miles south-east of Bologna have been captured by the Eighth Army in their new offensive which is going well.

Reuter's Special Correspondent writes: The bridgeheads across the Senio river have been linked. Tanks and heavy supporting guns are already rumbling across bridges thrown over the Senio river south of the main Bologna highway route. Nine other Eighth Army troops have secured a bridgehead near Cuffano.

The Second New Zealand Division commanded by Lt.-Gen. Sir Bernard Freyberg V. C. took a prominent part in the initial assault. The total of prisoners up to mid-day yesterday was over 1,200.

Two Allied raiding parties have cleared a small hamlet and a hill feature just to the north of Monte Renzio.

102 Luftwaffe Officers Executed

United States Twelfth Army Hq., April 11 (Reuter): It is reliably learned here that 102 members of the Luftwaffe (German Air Force) were executed by the Germans on March 31 in an effort to stop an officers revolt.

An American broadcaster said that those executed were a Luftwaffe general named Barber, 16 airfield commanders and 85 officers and pilots.

NO HOLIDAY ON FUEHRER'S BIRTHDAY

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The German radio announced to-day that there will be no public holiday this year on Hitler's birthday, April 20.

The reason given was "the requirements of war work in Government departments and in the offices of municipal and other authorities."

Schoerner in the Order of the Day warned his troops of the coming offensive in Upper Silesia. The order said that the Russian Fourth Army was concentrating in the area between Gueben and Forest, 60 miles south-east of Berlin and Schoerner had taken measures against its possible commitment by Marshal Koniev to break open the Germany Neisse Line.

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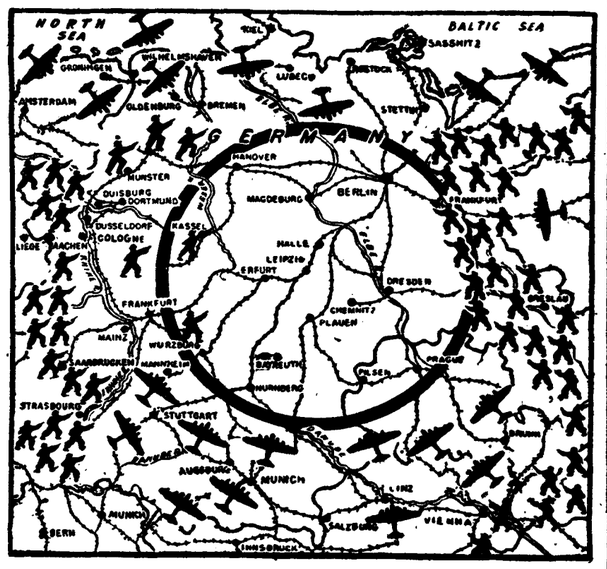

Labour Abandons Censure Vote

No More Mud-Slinging Till Germany's Defeat

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter).—British Cabinet Ministers of all parties will work together until Germany is finally defeated and will try to avoid "mud slinging" episodes that might precipitate a collapse of the Coalition Government.

This is what parliamentary observers see as the aftermath of the week-end of truculent party speeches by rival leaders. There is no suggestion that M.P.'s in their constituencies will be muzzled in their pre-election speeches but Cabinet Ministers will probably be extremely decorous in the weeks to come.

An ironic result of the week-end crisis has been to retard instead of advance the prophesies of general election. June prophets now admit that their calculations may be three months premature.

The Labour Party, which was said to be hatching a vote of censure on the Government in regard to housing, is now understood to have decided to abandon this step.

CHOLERA RAGES IN NASIK

NASIK, April 11 (A.P.I.)—The cholera epidemic in the city has assumed a virulent form and victims are reported to be dying within four to six hours of the attack. Infections are also reported to be carried to neighbouring villages. Eight deaths and ten more attacks have occurred during the last twenty-four hours.

YUSUF MEHERALLY GRADUALLY IMPROVING

SANTINIKETAN, April 11 (A. P. I.): Mr. Yusuf Meherally, ex-Mayor of Bombay, whose continued ill-health has, for some time past, been causing much concern amongst his friends in Bombay and outside, is now gradually improving. His convalescence at Santiniketan has been quiet and restful. Dr. Jivraj Mehta, who was in Calcutta some time ago paid a visit to Santiniketan to examine Mr. Meherally. Dr. Mehta found him weak but was otherwise satisfied with his present state of health. He also advised Mr. Meherally to extend the period of rest and convalescence.

C. R. REDDI FOR BOMBAY

MADRAS, April 11 (A. P. I.):- Sir C. R. Reddi left Madras this morning for Bombay where he will deliver the Convocation address of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

JINNAH FOR BOMBAY

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A. P. I.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, left this morning for Bombay by the Frontier Mail.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY)
NEW YORK, April 11.

Previous Closing	22.24
Today's Opening	22.22
Difference	—02
Today's Closing	22.21
Difference	—03

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NEW YORK, April 11.

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General Motors dol 65.1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 31.7/8
United States Steel Common dol 63-7/8
United States Steel prefence dol. 148.1/2.—Reuter

STOP PRESS

64 MILES FROM BERLIN

U. S. Ninth Army, April 11 (Reuter): Ninth Army spearheads have reached the River Elbe at Magdeburg, 64 miles from Berlin.

Mahatma At Borivli

Address To Trainees On Rural Welfare Work

BORIVLI, Wednesday

Mahatma Gandhi addressing the inmates of the Borivli Camp for training women in rural welfare work stressed the importance of removing untouchability, propagation of Hindi or Hindusthani—the national language of India—and the importance of prayer.

The Mahatma averred, in the course of his speech lasting more than an hour, that his immediate concern was not so much the political freedom of India as the eradication of the various evils prevalent in the society. He also referred to the questions of Hindu-Muslim unity, truth and non-violence and exploitation of the masses.

Mahatma Gandhi earlier went round the camp inspecting the arrangements made for the training.

Later, he addressed a crowded audience at the premises of the local English High School. Reminding them that he had visited the place twenty years back, Mahatma Gandhi referred to the questions put to him earlier by some of the trainees at the camp

CRORE WORTH OF CLOTH FOR CONSUMERS

CALCUTTA, April 11 (U. P. I.): Following raids of 1,500 cloth and yarn shops in Calcutta on 25th March, 8,800 bales worth Rupees one crore have so far been scrutinized and handed over to the handling agents.

3,000 SEMI-NUDES DEMAND CLOTH

BANKURA, April 11 (U. P. I.): About three thousand half-naked men, women and children from villages paraded the streets of the Bankura town on April 2 demanding cloth and shouting slogans.

and the answers he had given, on various problems facing the society. He appealed to them to popularise the national language, work for Hindu-Muslim Unity and eradicate untouchability.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan who accompanied Mahatma Gandhi to Borivli was also present during the prayers.

Among those present at the camp during Gandhiji's visit were Mr. A. V. Thakkar, Mr. M. M. Pakwasa, Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Mr. Shantikumar Morarjee, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mrs. Mridula Sarabhai, Secretary of the camp, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Dr. Alban D'Souza (Mayor of Bombay) and Mr. Purshotamdas Tandon.

No Permits To Union Indians For 'Frisco!

CAPETOWN, April 10 (Reuter).—In the Assembly today replying to Mr. Eric Louw (Nationalist for Beaufort West) who asked whether an application had been received for the issue of exit permits and passports to the delegation of the South African Indian Congress which intended proceeding to San Francisco to act there in an advisory capacity to the delegation of the Indian Government in respect of colour and Indian questions in South Africa,

the Minister of Interior Mr. Clarkson said that an application had been received for priority exit permits and passports. Priority could not be granted, and other applications, therefore, fell away.

Bengal Leaguers Against Sapru Proposals

CALCUTTA, April 11 (A. P. I.): The Bengal Provincial Muslim League Parliamentary Party, at its meeting yesterday, adopted a resolution expressing the view that the Sapru proposals should be rejected outright and that no consideration should be paid to them. The Party leader, Sir Nazimuddin, presided.

NAZIS HOPE TO STAGE AERIAL DUNKIRK FROM RUHR

White Flags Of Surrender Seen Over Brunswick

Militarily Germany Has Lost Battle, Moral Victory Hangs In Balance

By D. F. KARAKA, "Bombay Chronicle" War Correspondent.

SHAEF, April 11 (Early Morning).

The Twelfth Army group, comprising American Ninth, First and Third Armies, have taken their one millionth prisoner since D Day. The privilege fell to the Ninth Army to count him in. Allied armies are everywhere on the West Front devouring prisoners with the same rapidity as they are devouring the ground. In less than two weeks the Allied frontline, which was roughly west of the Rhine is now running from Bremen along Hannover, Nordhausen, Erfurt, Coburg, Wurzburg, Crailsheim, Heilbronn and Karlsruhe. This is rough outline, though at many points Allied spearheads have pierced beyond. Yet everywhere the German has fought with renewed vigour. There has been house-to-house fighting in Deventer in the Canadian sector. Canadians now are within 0 miles south of the Emden.

Already SHAEF broadcast to German officials and workers of the North Sea ports on the possibility of reopening German ports to Allied shipping. This will open a new Allied supply route into Germany. But the regular German troops appear to be fighting as if this great Allied drive is only a minor setback and refusing to accept defeat. Guards' armoured brigade of the Second British Army are encountering stiffest opposition from German parachute troops, who are being credited here with excellent withdrawal fighting.

None grudges paying compliments to Germans because nothing can alter the eventual result now. Militarily the battle for Germany has been lost by Germans. It is the moral victory which still hangs in the balance.

WHITE FLAGS OF SURRENDER OVER BRUNSWICK?

Allied aircraft over Brunswick are reported having seen white flags of Surrender. In face of Allied armed might Germany has had not alternative but surrender; but the more important point is that while you have his body, will you also have his Nazi soul? This is the burning question which still remains unanswered. With a light break in weather in Allied favour 5,241 sorties were flown yesterday; but this figure is incomplete, and more will yet be recorded as reports come in later to-day.

For the first time military targets in Czechoslovakia have been bombed. A new record figure of German planes destroyed on ground was touched yesterday. Allied bombers are blowing up Germany with brute force hitherto not evisaged by man. U-boat shelters and toil-storage depots at Hamburg tasted the full wrath of heavy bombers. Twenty-two thousand-pound and 12,000-pound bombs were dropped. It is the consistency of application of this terrific air bombardment, daily and nightly, which makes it merciless. Yet with all this German transport planes are making desperate efforts to aid those trapped within the Ruhr pocket.

GERMANS TO STAGE AERIAL DUNKIRK

As Allied tanks pierce the thick Ruhr crust Germans are hoping to stage an aerial Dunkirk from Ruhr. But it is like a drowning man clinging to a floating straw. Daily they come nearer their end as surely as night follows the day. It is not "Deutchland uber Alles", but "Alles uber Deutchland". 'Mein Kampf' may have been the German bible, but 'Mein Gott' is the last prayer.

We turn from this grim tragic picture of a defeated Germany to look upon another picture that presents itself to the common-man of Britain —a picture of British Ministers of State haranguing like children on comparatively petty issues of party politics. The Churchill of those early years when Britain fought with its back to the wall was not the same Churchill who defended British policy in Greece, or stood up at the recent Conservative Party Conference to glorify his class. Mr. Ernest Bevin was not the same great driving force which mobilized Labour to victory. Mr. Brenden Bracken did not reveal in his reply the same spark which had fired the occupied countries to resistance While the Allied dead still lie unburied on German soil where they gave their lives for the cause they believed in, the men behind appear to be making mockery of that great sacrifice.

DEADLIER CLASS WAR IN OFFING

Yesterday as I flew back from Belgium into France I saw the sky covered with Dakotas carrying wounded back from battlefields. Some of them will not live in the fullest sense of that word. But to what purpose will their sacrifice have been made if at the end of this great war will begin a greater war of class fighting class in every corner of the democratic world. Mr. Churchill still believes that having led Britain to victory he can now use his power to revive his ruling class. But die-hard Conservativeism and Churchillian Imperialism is as dead in Britain as Nazism in Germany.

Von Scheer Sunk

LONDON, April 11. (U.P.A.): The Air Ministry announces that the German pocket battleship "Von Scheer" was sunk by R. A. F. bombers during the night of April 9.

Reuter adds: "Scheer" (Admiral Scheer) sister ship of Luetzow, was built in 1939. Though the listed displacement is 10.000, it is more probable that the ship was over 12.000 tons. 'Scheer' belonged to the class popularly called "pocket battleships." Its armament included six eleven-inch guns and eight torpedo tubes. The complement was 926.

The strength of the German Navy in capital ships is now estimated to be, battleship 'Tirpitz' partly disabled, battle cruiser 'Gneisenau' be-Heve partially disabled, pocket battleship 'Luetzow' torpedoed in 1941. Two heavy cruisers and four light cruisers and about 20 heavily armed destroyers.

The Air Ministry states that air photographs taken on Tuesday show that "Admiral Scheer" is lying in the inner dock in the dockyard basin at Kiel almost completely upside down and much in the same position as the "Tirpitz" after she was bombed. Reconnaissance had detected the battleship moored in the inner dockyard basin at Kiel only two days before Monday's attack. She had been driven to Kiel when Gdynia was first threatened by the Russian Army and had previously played an important part in the defence and evacuation of German pockets of resistance on the Baltic coast.

The attack was made by a strong force of Lancasters in clear weather. The marking and the bombing was extremely well concentrated around aiming points. Many crews reported a violent explosion which they thought, at the time, was caused by a hit on either the ship or an ammunition dump.

Victory Bells Ring In Vienna

Enemy Resisting In Eastern Section Of City

MOSCOW, April 11 (Reuter): Victory bells are ringing in Vienna tonight. The smoke of the battle has not yet died down. Desperate groups of Germans are still resisting, even counter-attacking, in the eastern section of the city.

But this hopeless struggle can continue for long and observers here are now looking westwards and southwestwards from the great Danubian capital to see how the Red Army is going to capitalise its gains.

From Breslau to Vienna which is almost a straight north-to-south line it is some 200 miles. From Gorlitz to Prague it is about 80. These are the important strategical facts of the situation on the southern front and the army is ready to exploit them by a pincer drive on the whole Bohemia and Moravia coupled with a big sweep up the Danube Valley, the logical objective of which would be the linkup with the Allies in Southern Germany.

From points almost due east of Brno down to the confluence of the Danube and the Morava, Marshal Malinovsky is to-nigh swinging the southern arm of the pincers westwards on a front of nearly 100 miles.

Very soon Marshal Tolbukhin will also be rolling west again, while on the other side of Czechoslovakia, Breslau now appears to be ripe for an all-out assault of the type which crumbled Koenigsberg in 24 hours.

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A large and distinguished gathering of the city's commercial, industrial and banking personalities as well as representatives of the press and public responded to the invitation of the management and graced the occasion with their presence. This is a good augury for the future, and with the central locality of the new premises and the greater services the management will be able to offer from their present office, a largely increased progress in the bank's business in Bombay can be safely predicted.

A BRIEF HISTORY

In welcoming the guests, Mr. D. P. Goenka, one of the Directors, explained how Mr. K. P. Goenka, Chairman, was unable to be present on the occasion on account of ill-health. He then referred to the history of the bank briefly. "Ours is an institution of recent origin as we commenced regular banking business in September 1943. Our first branch was opened at Burrabazar, Calcutta in December, 1943: at the same time, we opened our office here, but unfortunately, its situation was a great handicap to us. Now the present office, although small for our needs, is well-situated and will be more suitable for banking business. I need hardly assure you that our bank is fully equipped to meet all requirements and we will always endeavour to give the most efficient and quick service to our clients."

He then announced the names of the Local Advisory Committee, viz., Messrs. Hemchand Mohanlal Zhaveri, Ratilal Mulji Gandhi and Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola all of whom are well known businessmen of Bombay. "We are fortunate to have them for our Local Board and I am sure their guidance and advice will be of great help to us. On behalf of our Board of Directors I thank them for having kindly accepted our invitation to join the Local Advisory Board."

Mr. Birla then declared the branch open with a brief speech.

Besides the Head Office, the bank now operates five branches, at Bombay, Agra, Ajmer, Narayangunj (Dacca) and Burrabazar (Calcutta). Branches at Lahore and Ahmedabad will be opened shortly.

"War Begins On Churchill"

Big Guns Open Election Campaign

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 10.

Mr. Churchill is expected to make an important speech on St. George's day on April 23 when he may give some indication of his intentions about the General Election.

According to political commentators, the Tory headquarters have chosen the first week of June as a provisional date for election unless some unexpected setback in the progress of the European War prevents keeping to that schedule. A period of five and half weeks must elapse between the formal breakup of the coalition and election. It is therefore apparent that if June date is adhered to, that decision will have to be taken this month. Tories are trying the best to make a case against labour for breaking up of the coalition before final victory against Germany. That is why Mr. Bracken yesterday attacked Mr. Bevin, but labour headquarters have already taken into consideration of the election strategy and are confident that they can win the election.

The "Daily Herald" in an editorial suggests that Mr. Bracken's speech is an adulation of Mr. Churchill. There is ample evidence that the whole Tory campaign will be based on the argument that the Nation should ignore questions of political principle in order to avoid the risk of hurting Mr. Churchill's feelings. Mr. Bracken is tonguetied over all themes to save personal glorification of Mr. Churchill, that is the Tory tune for election.

The "News Chronicle" writes: Mr. Bevin despises the Tories because their long and supine record of office led Britain to war against Germany for the second time. This record is too bad even for Tories, they want shelter behind the great war leader and forget while they were bringing Britain to the verge of ruin, they deliberately kept Mr. Churchill in political wilderness.

The "Daily Mail" urges to Prime Minister to demand from all his cabinet colleagues an undertaking that this kind of electioneering should cease immediately and should not be resumed until victory in the west is finally achieved. It adds the entry of Mr. Bracken into the Arena as the champion of his chief reflects credit over his personal loyalty but does little to improve the situation.

P.S.: I hear that Mr. Churchill has been approached by an American firm of Publishers for the exclusive rights in the history of the Great War 1939/45 which the Prime Minister hopes to start in autumn "nearer half a million than quarter of a million pounds" is how the value of the offer has been described.

LONDON, April 10. (U.P.A.): Big political guns came crashing into action following Labour Minister Ernest Bevin's "gladiatorial" weekend speech at Leeds.

Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information and considered the Tories' master tactician by the Left, took up the gauntlet on Monday qualifying Bevin's speech as a "blitz" on the Tory Party."

Conservative press comment reflects the pained surprise in right quarters that caused one conservative member of parliament to declare: "War begins on Churchill".

Meanwhile the Labourites consider that Bracken confirmed their expectations that Churchill's personality and prestige will be made the Tory election slogan in a new kind of "khaki" election, rather than any political issues.

NO RESIGNATIONS YET.

Although in this first round of "gloves off" there have been body blows in which Arthur Greenwood also joined on Monday, it is understood that Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Food Minister Herbert Morrison and Bevin are not intending to leave the cabinet at the present juncture.

Therefore talk of a Cabinet crisis may be premature although a split may be precipitated in this week's debate on Housing in the House of Commons.

SUB-TENANT ORDERED TO VACATE PREMISES

High Court Dismisses Applicant's Revision Petition

An interesting revision application was decided by Mr. Justice Weston at the Bombay High Court, yesterday.

The petitioner in this case was Hansraj Harpal versus (1) Dawood Haji Nasser, (2) Fatmabai, wife of Sharif Hasam and (3) Hirji Trikamji Shah.

This was an application in Revision by an Obstructionist-Petitioner alleging himself to be a sub-tenant of Opponent No. 3, praying to set aside the order in ejectment made against him by Judge Mr. T. T. Barodawala of the Small Causes Court in Obstructionist's Notice in ejectment suit No. 6841 of 1944 under Order XXI Rule 97 of Civil Procedure Code on the grounds "inter alia" that he was not made a party defendant to the said suit and that his interest was protected under the Rent Restriction Act 1939 and therefore various interesting questions of facts and law arose.

Mr. R J A. Somjee who appeared for Opponent No. 2 supported by his client's long counter affidavit argued that under 47 B.L.R. 118 the Opponent No. 2 was not bound to make him party defendant to the said proceedings. That Applicant's case falls under "Small premises" and as such was not entitled to protection under the Rent Restriction Act. Assuming that he was a sub-tenant because of the Rent Restriction Act did not come in privity of contract with the superior landlord. He remained only a tenant with his immediate landlord.

Justice Weston on Tuesday upheld the contention of Opponent No. 2 and dismissed the application with costs and ordered applicant to vacate forthwith.

Mr. S. M. Shah with Mr. C. P. Patel appeared for Applicant. Mr. R. J. A. Somjee appeared for Opponent No. 2. Opponents No. 1 and 3 were absent.

Judgment Reserved In Poona Ghee Case

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Lokur).

The hearing of the Poona Ghee Case which had been going on for eight days, concluded before their Lordships on Wednesday evening. Their Lordships reserved judgment after calling upon Counsel for Bheroo Khodadad Irani to address them on the question of sentence. Their Lordships had not, however, called upon counsel for any of the other accused to reply to Counsel for the prosecution.

These were revision applications from the convictions and sentences passed by a Special Tribunal for cheating and conspiracy to cheat the Government of India by supplying vegetable oil as pure ghee to the Military Supply Depot at Poona under a contract.

Their Lordships will deliver judgment on Friday at 11-30 a.m.

AGARWAL GLASS WORKS PROPRIETOR FINED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. R. S. Agarwal, sole proprietor of Agarwal Glass Works, Goregaon (Bombay Suburbs) was fined Rs. 500 in default 15 days simple imprisonment by the First Class Magistrate, Andheri for breach of factory Act for engaging children under fourteen years in the factory.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN POOL OF BLOOD

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A young man, was found lying unconscious in a pool of blood near the main door of Laxmi Nivas building, Shivaji Park, Mahim, yesterday afternoon.

He was removed to the K. E. M. Hospital. He has injuries all over his body and police are instituting enquiries.

Three Hours In Icy Water Without Clothes

Young Indian Sailor Tells Harrowing Experience In Atlantic

LONDON, April 9. (Reuter): Three hours in the icy waters of Atlantic without any clothes was the ordeal that 23-year-old Purser Jugal Kishore Chandra of Kamapara Road Chinsurah, Hooghly, Bengal Province recently had to face.

Now back in Britain sailing in a new ship, Chandra told reuter his story to-day.

"It was about half pasteight at night when we were torpedoed," he said. "I had just decided to have a bath. All my clothes were on my locker when the torpedo struck us. The ship simply vanished. I ran on deck and practically walked into the sea. It was terribly cold, but I am a good swimmer, and struck out to keep myself warm.

"After about half an hour I saw a raft and swam to it. There was one of my comrades on it, but I was so numbed with cold that I could not clamber on it. He too was weak from exposure, but I summoned my failing strength and my friend managed to pull me on to the raft."

"After about three hours" he said, "we were picked up by one of the escort vessels and given hot drinks and warm clothes.

On another occasion Chandra was a passenger in a naval launch that came into collision with a Royal Air Force launch. Chandra's boat sank like a stone, but his prowess as swimmer saved his life. Chandra added that only eight men out of a crew of ninety were saved from his mid atlantic escape.

Since he joined the Merchant Navy four years ago. Chandra has been to practically every country in the world with the exception of Australia.

HARIJANS TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA

Sequel To Refusal Of Entry To Sacred Spring

(From Our Correspondent)

RATNAGIRI, April 9.

The hot spring of Rajapur, popularly known as 'Rajapur Ganges', which makes its appearance at long intervals, has burst open again. The traditional belief is that the sacred Ganges makes its appearance. Naturally, there is a huge rush of Hindu devotees desiring to have a bath at the sacred spring. The 'Rajapur Ganges' is enclosed on all sides by a compound wall, and the place is managed by Brahman priests. Entrance into the 'Ganges area' is strictly limited to caste Hindus, and Harijans are debarred from entry.

This year the sacred spring burst open in March last, about a month ago. The Harijans of Rajapur and other places applied to the priests to allow them entry but permission was refused. Thereupon the leaders of Rajapur formed a Committee of Action, composing elements of all parties, and led a deputation to the priests to propose a 'via-media'. It was proposed that Harijans may be allowed to enter upto the outermost fountain-head and may not advance upto the innermost reservoirs of the sacred waters. The priests remained adamant.

Ultimately, a mass meeting was held on the 6th instant, which was addressed by Sjt. Appasaheb Patwardhan, the well-known disciple of Gandhiji. It was also addressed by Harijans. It was resolved to offer Satyagraha on the 13th inst. in case the priests continued their unrelenting refusal. The Satyagraha will be guided by Sjt. Appasaheb Patwardhan, who is going to Rajapur specially for the purpose.

The public are in favour of entry of Harijans in the 'Sacred Area.'

KHAR CELEBRATES HARIJAN DAY DURING NATIONAL WEEK

Khar celebrated the Harijan Day on Sunday as part of the National Week Celebrations. About thirty Rashtra Seva Dal Volunteers and Congress and Social Workers cleaned Kherwadi in the morning, under the guidance of Sjt. Shewak Bhojraj, Joint Secretary, Bombay Suburban Social Service League. The village people also joined in the cleaning work. After that Sjt. Madhusudnan Vaidya explained to the inhabitants the importance of keeping their surroundings clean for their own welfare.

In the evening, a play was enacted by a mixed cast consisting of Harijans and caste Hindus. They also performed a Ras. Smt. Urmilaben Mehta presided. Smt. Induben Desai read the report of the activities in the Khar Harijan Chawls since September. She thanked the authorities of the Bandra Municipality for their co-operation in making the chawls more clean and habitable for the Harijans. She narrated that medical aid was rendered to the Harijans and education was imparted both to the children and adults.

A. I. SCHEDULED CASTE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CITY

POONA, April 10. (A. P. I.): The next session of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation will be held in Bombay in the first week of May, announces the General Secretary of the Federation.

Provincial branches of the Federation are requested to send delegates to the conference and do everything possible to make the conference a success.

Bengal Club Music Competition

Under the auspices of the Literary Section of the Bengal Club, a competition in essays, recitation and music was held at the Chatterjee Memorial Hall, Dadar, and the following are the results:—

ESSAY COMPETITION

Group A: Mrs. Leela Hazra 1; Group B: Miss Bina Chakravarty 1; Miss Lelarani Debi 2.

RECITATION COMPETITION

Group A: Jyotirmoy Chatterjee 1, Mrs. Leela Hazra 2, Group B: Shyamapada Chatterjee 1, Miss Bina Chakravarty 2.

MUSIC COMPETITION

Group A: Mrs. Abha Chatterjee 1, Miss Geeta Ganguly 2. Group B: Miss Namita Sarkar 1, Miss Putal Chatterjee 2.

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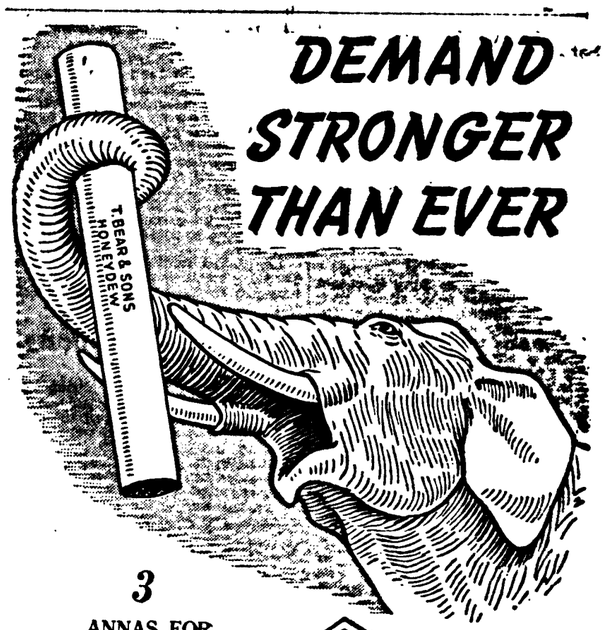

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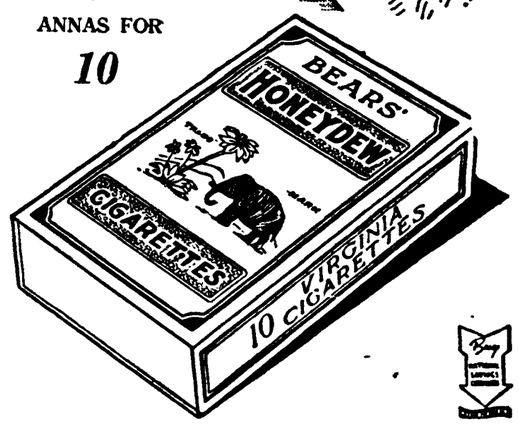

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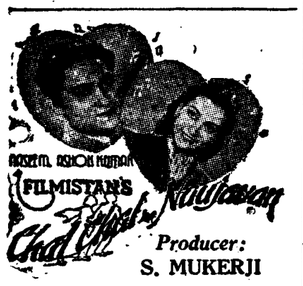

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Sunrise: 7-25 a.m. Sunset: 7-55 p.m.
Hightide: 12-53, —. Lowtide: 16-0.—
Municipal Corporation, 1-45 p. m. (B.T.).

To-day's Engagements

ASTHIKA SAMAJ RAMA NAVAMI: To-day inauguration and flag hoisting 8 p.m. and musical concert by Mrs. Lalita Venkatram and party 9 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Ladies Class for Beginners, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day at 5 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF FEDERATION OF PIECEGOODS AND YARN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: Annual general meeting to-day at 11 a.m. at Sunderabai Hall.

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH'S SCOUT CAMP

Scout Camp for Harijan young men has been arranged at Malad on 20, 21 and 22 April, 1945.

VITAMINS FROM NATURE will be the subject of Dr. Edal-Beheram's lecture to-day (Thursday) at 6-15 p. m. at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road, opposite Queen's Statue.

KERALA MAHILA SAMAJ: Public lecture by Madame Sophia Wadia on "Home Culture and School Education" to-day at 7 p.m. (N.S.T.) at the Podar College Hall, Matunga. Mrs. Velloai will preside.

MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL SERVICE LEAGUE: Variety entertainment programme on Sunday, April 15 at 4-30 p m at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall. Mr. Noor Mohammad Charlie, Miss Sulochana Chatterjee Shagird Prem Ragi, Baby Shula Chatterjee, Mr. Mirza Mussarat and others to entertain.

ISMAILIA STUDENTS' EDUCATION SOCIETY: Symposium on "Whither Woman", to-day at 6-15 p. m. at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty, when Mrs. Gulestan Billimoria, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mrs. Khadija Shuffi Tyabjee, Mrs. Violet Alva, Mrs. Sulochna Modi will speak and Lady Rama Rau will preside

'ARYA SAMAJ STHAPANA DIN': Under the auspices of the Fort Arya Samaj 'Arya Samaj Sthapana Din' will be celebrated to-morrow (Friday) when a "Prabhat Pheri" will start from the Samaj Mandir at 6-30 a.m. There will be lectures by Pandit Mahendrachandraji, Swami Paramanandaji and Bhajan by Shree Jagadishchandraji,

NATIONAL WEEK AT KHAR

A debate in Hindustani on "The Congress should accept office in the Provinces" was held at Laxminagar Hall, Khar on Tuesday night. Sjt. D. N. Wandrekar, M.L.A. (Congress) presided. Sixteen speakers took part in the debate. The motion was not put to vote as the object of the debate was only to encourage speaking in Hindustani.

URDU EXAMINATIONS: Urdu Examinations conducted by the Edara-e-Adabiyat-i-Urdu Hyderabad (Dn.) to be held on July 6, 7 and 8. Those wishing to appear from Bombay Centre should send their Forms duly filled in to the Assistant Secretary, Anjuman-i-Islam, 92, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay before 1st May. Forms can be had from the Office of the Anjuman-i-Islam, Bombay.

Citizens Meeting To-day To Demand Cloth Rationing

A public meeting will be held at Marwari Vidyalaya Hall (Sandhurst Road T. T.) to-day at 6-30 p.m. under the joint auspices of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), Goan Youth League, Bombay Students' Union, the Joint Committee of Women's Organisations, North Division, and the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India to demand immediate introduction of cloth rationing, stoppage of cloth exports, drastic measures to check the black market and profiteering in co-operation with representatives of the people. Mr. D. S. Vaidya will preside and Dinkar Desai, B. T. Ranadive, Sarlabai Bhave, M. A. Wadud Khan, Subrata Sengupta, Parbhavati Bai Gupte and others will speak.

Sarosh K. R. Cama Prize Essay

The K. R. Cama Oriental Institute invites an essay in English on "Teachings of Zarathushtra in the light of modern thought" for a prize of Rs. 250 to be submitted by the 31st December, 1945.

For details write to the Joint Honorary Secretaries, 136, Apollo St., Fort, Bombay.

RAJADHYAKSHA FOREIGN EDUCATION SOCIETY: The managing committee of The Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha, G.S.B. Foreign Education Society invite applications up to June 30th, 1945, for three loan-scholarships of the value of about Rs. 5,000 each from persons belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahman Community desirous of proceeding to a foreign country for higher education. Forms of application, extracts from Rules, etc., can be had from the Hon. Secretaries at the Chikitsaka Hanuha Building, Kandewadi, Bombay, between 6-30 p m and 8 p m any week day.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)+8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News. (E) 8-30 Gajanan Karnad (Violin). 8-45 Kannada Song. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9_10 To-morrow. 9-15 Bhajan. 9_30 Anjani_bai Lolekar.

12-30 p.m. Songs (H). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Music from Film. 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music. 2-30 For Women (M). 4-20 Vimalbai Chitale. 4-40 G M. Durrani: (Vocal). 5-0 Jagatik Rananeeti (M). 5-15 B. V. Pendharkar. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Children's Half-Hour (H). 6-30 News (E). 6_40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (M). 6-50 Vimalabai Chitale 7-0 Japan per Vedhak Drasti Searchlight on Japan. 7-15 Gajanan Karnad (Violin). 7-30 Anjanibai Lolekar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Avinash Vyas. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Sports Review (E). 10-0 Luise Vajid Mahmood 10-30 London Phil. Orchestra. 10-35 George Lester.

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"Jallianwala Baug Day"

Under the auspices of the Girgaum District Congess Committee a Jallianwala Baug Smriti-Sammelan will be held on Friday April 13, 1945, the last day of the National Week, at 7 P.M.(N.S.T.) at Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum. Sjt. Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, Sjt. R. P. Aiyar of Madras; Sjt. Joachim Alva and others will speak. Prof. D. R. Gharpure will preside.

There will be Flag Salutation on Friday at 9 A.M. at Pimpalwadi, Mugbhat, Sjt. S. K. Patil will hoist the flag.

A cinema film on sanitation will be exhibited on Thursday at 10 P.M. at Bori's Chawl, opposite Novelty Cinema, Grant Road.

NATIONAL WEEK PROGRAMME: The Girgaum District Congress Committee and its Taluka Congress Samittees will observe to-day (Thursday) April 12 as Unity Day and there will be a sammelan of Congress workers at 8-30 P.M. (N.S.T.) at Shri Ram Nivas, Frere Bridge Low Level, Grant Road, when the national leaders at present in Bombay will be present.

After the sammelan Kirtankar Pilu Buwa Vadujkar will perform a national kirtan.

Under the auspices of the Mandvi District Congress Committee there will be a Flag Salutation to-morrow (Friday, April 13) at 9 A.M. on the Terrace of 297/301, Kharekh Bazaar at corner of Musjid Bunder Bridge. Shri M. Y. Nurie will perform the flag hoisting ceremony and speak on the significance of the National Week.

The Secretary, Khadi and Village Industries Committee of the Congress writes:—

As a part of the National Week celebrations, there will be a sammelan of the khadi and village industries workers to-day (Thursday, April 12) at 6-30 P.M. at Hira Baug, C. P. Tank, where the results of the spinning competition held on Sunday last will be announced and prizes awarded to the winners. Certificates to the spinners of good specimen of yarn will also be distributed at this sammelan.

PURSHOTTAMDAS TANDON'S LECTURE: On the occasion of the foundation day celebrations of the Arya Samaj, Bombay, on Friday, April 13 at 7-30 P.M. in the Arya Samaj Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Babu Purshottamdas Tandon will deliver a public lecture.

Extension Of Date Of Medicos' Purchaser's Licence

The Additional Director of Civil Supplies, (General) Bombay, in the course of a letter to Dr. Chimanlal Mehta, President, Bombay Medical Association, says:

I am directed to refer to your letter, dated the 25th March, 1945, to the Commissioner of Excise and Provincial Licensing Authority, Bombay Province, Bombay, and to state that Government has been pleased to extend the time limit upto 14th April, 1945, for the renewal of purchaser's licence held by the Medical Practitioners. Government has also been pleased to permit Medical Practitioners to obtain supplies of drugs from manufacturers, importers and wholesalers on the strength of their purchaser's licence till 14th April, 1945.

Members of the Medical profession who have not renewed their Purchaser's license so far are requested to do so for 6 months only, that is, valid up to 14th August, 1945.

Independent Film Producers' Association

Sir Homi Mehta, one of the leading industrialists of Bombay has accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee set up by the Independent Film Producers' Association to find out the possibilities of and to formulate the plans for setting up a central training institute and a film research laboratory for the Indian film industry. The proposed Committee consists of some members of the Central Legislature and leading scientists besides a few film magnates and will have its first meeting in Bombay within a fortnight.

"Ba" Fund Training Camp Open To Visitors

"The Provincial Instructors' Class organized by the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust at Suresh Kutir, Mandapeshwar, Borivli, will be open for visitors from to-day onwards between the hours of 5 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. No visitors will be allowed on Sundays."

Bombay Explosion Losses

EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS

The Government of India recently liberalised the Compensations Scheme envisaged in the Bombay Explosion (Compensation) Ordinance 1944 and decided to make ex-gratia payments in respect of claims pertaining to uninsured stock-in-trade and merchandise, and to uninsured household and personal effects. Claimants whose cases have already been decided, but who want to take advantage of the ex-gratia payment scheme and wish to file applications for review, must do so not later than April 30, 1945. Printed forms to be used in this respect will be supplied by the office of the Senior Claims Commissioner, Small Causes Court, Bombay. In the case of claims which are still pending enquiry and have not been finally disposed of no formal application for such ex-gratia compensation is necessary.

61-YEAR-OLD WANTS TO WED MINOR GIRL WHEN SHE ATTAINS MAJORITY

The Secretary, Marwari Sammelan, Bombay, writes:—

Seth Rangnath Bajaj, aged 61, Proprietor of Khemraj Shrikrishna Das Press, who had some two months back proposed to marry Miss Kamla, a minor girl, and against whom successful legal steps were taken by the Marwari Sammelan, Bombay, preventing him from marrying the said girl on his tendering an undertaking in the High Court to the effect that he shall not marry the plaintiff (Miss Kamla) at any time thereafter, has now given notice to Mr. Madanlal Agrawal, Secretary of the Marwadi Sammelan, that he is going to move the High Court, through his counsel, to make an amendment in the undertaking to the effect that the undertaking, not to marry the girl (Miss Kamla), should be for the period of her minority.

The application will be made on Friday, the 13th instant at 3-15 p.m. before His Lordship, Hon. Mr. Justice Bhagwati.

Board Of Secondary Education

The Government of Bombay has appointed the following to constitute the Board of Secondary Education for the triennium which commenced on March 10:—

Mr. N. M. Shah, Principal, M.T.B. College, Surat; Miss R. Reuben, Principal, Sir Elly Kadoori High School, Bombay; Mr. S. R. Kanitkar, Headmaster, Modern High School, Poona; Rao Saheb D. J. Kulkarni, Principal, High School, Rajapur; Mr. M. C. Benson, Headmaster, I. P. Mission High School, Surat; Mr. K. G. Warty, Headmaster, Thalakwadi High School, Belgaum; The Reverend A. Solagran, Principal, St. Xavier's High School, Bombay; Khan Bahadur N. K. Mirza Headmaster, Anglo-Urdu High School, Poona; Mr. D. G. Karve, Principal, B. M. College of Commerce, Poona; The Deputy Director of Industries (Mr. S. D. Vashist) (representing the Director of Industries); Rao Saheb K. S. Kulkarny, Professor of Agriculture, Agricultural College, Poona (representing the Director of Agriculture); Mr. D. R. Gadgil, Director, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Poona; The Principal, Secondary Training College, Bombay (Ex-Officio); and the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Mr. R. P. Patwardhan).

The representative of the Bombay Provincial Secondary Teachers' Federation will be nominated later.

National Week Exhibition Attracting Thousands Daily

The Khadi Village Industries and Handi-Crafts' Exhibition running from the 6th April to 13th at Napoo Gardens, Matunga, is attracting thousands of people daily. So far about 13,000 peopl have visited. In addition to the various band made produce and khadi, there is also demonstration of paper making weaving, carding, spinning, etc.

Sri Purushottamdas Tandon, Speaker, U. P. Legislative Assembly will address a meeting in the Exhibition Pandal at Napoo Gardens, Matunga, on the 12th Thursday, at 8-30 p.m. (S. T.). Mr. Nagindas T. Master will preside. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, the Frontier Gandhi paid a visit to the Exhibition on Wednesday morning. Admission to the Exhibition is by ticket of one anna each.

Abdul Ghaffar Khan At Khadi Exhibition

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan visited the Khadi and Village Industries' Exhibition at Napoo Gardens, Matunga, on Wednesday. Mr. J. C. Maitra, welcomed him and showed him round the exhibition. Asked for a message, the Frontier Leader told the audience that the work was epitomised in the constructive programme of the Congress which required work and not talk and it would bring Swaraj nearer.

Aga Khan Hockey Results

BOMBAY, Wednesday

The following are Aga Khan Hockey results: Lahore Y.M.C.A. 4, B. B. and C. I. Railway 1, Mahomedan Sporting 2, Bombay Port Trust 0.

Gujarat Provincial Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti

The following persons have been elected as office-bearers of the Gujarat Provincial Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti for the current year: President: Syt. K. M. Munshi; Vice-President: Dr. C. J. Ghia, M.L.A.; Organizing Secretary: Syt. Arunkumar 'Kamlesh'. The head office of the Provincial Committee is at Khadia, Ahmedabad.

Potatoes 2 As. A lb. At Government Shops

Potatoes from Poona and Nasik districts are available at all Government Grain Shops in Bombay City and Suburbs and at the Government Godown on DeLisle Road at 2 as. a lb. There is no need to produce ration cards or ration permits nor is there any limit on the quantity that can be purchased at any one time. Cash memos are given against the sales.

NASIK D.L.B.

Mr. V. K. Shevde, Huzur Deputy Collector of Jalgaon, has been appointed by the Government of Bombay to exercise the powers and duties of the Nasik District Local Board, during its supersession, jointly with Khan Bahadur N. R. Kazi.

Dr. S. M. Navalkar has been appointed a member of the Committee of Management for Surat District Local Board, in place of the late Rao Saheb Bhagwandas B. Shroff of Bulsar.

WEST KHANDESH D.L.B. SUPERSEDED

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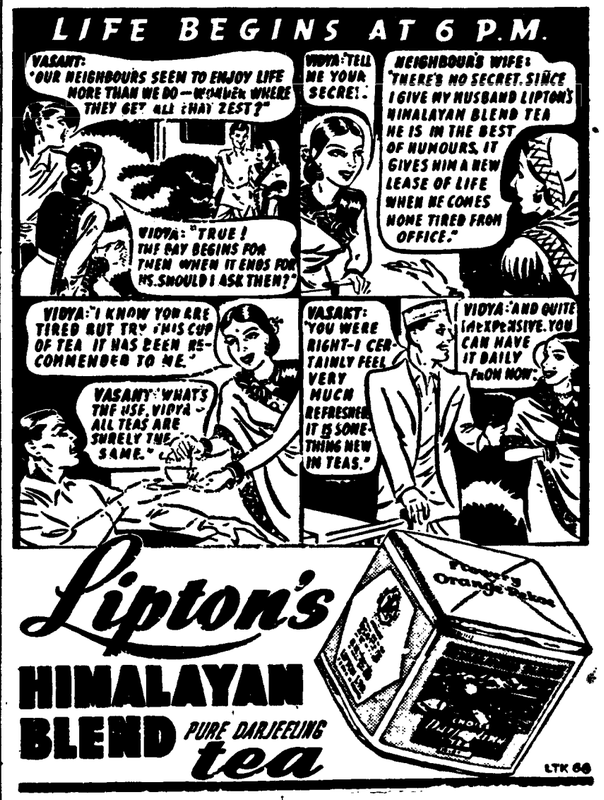
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 11. (A.P.I.)

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours I.M.T. on 8th April, 1945:

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The apathy of the ordinary citizen is among the root causes of the temporary decline of democracy.

—C. E. M. Joad.

The Bombay Chronicle

CLOTH PRODUCTION

Various conferences have been held recently to relieve the scarcity of cloth in the country by devising better ways and means of increasing the supply of cloth and ensuring its equitable distribution. But so far the relief has been extremely inadequate. The position will be slightly better next year, when as a result of the Hydari Mission to England we shall have 600 million more yards available for civil consumption, 200 million yards being the reduction in the offtake by the Supply Department, 200 million yards being reduction in export, and 200 million yards being the increase in production owing to the possibility of securing millstores from Britain. All this is welcome increase, indeed, for the next year. But the present scarcity needs to be relieved even before then. And it behoves manufacturers, Government and the public to bend their united efforts on the task of immediate relief.

At the meeting of the Textile Control Board and at the Press Conference, both held in Bombay on Monday, several specific methods of increasing production were discussed and these deserve to be seriously considered by all concerned. Mr. Krishnaraj M. D. Thackersey, Chairman of the Board, stated that the mill industry had decided on (1) a drastic reduction in the number of varieties of cloth and counts of yarn produced by mills; (2) utilisation of maximum available productive capacity for manufacturing "Utility Cloth"; (3) drastic reduction in the production of such qualities of cloth as are wasteful of yarn; and (4) a substantial increase in the supplies of "dhotis" and "sarees" Government is said to have agreed to the proposals in principle and it is expected thus to raise the production by 400 million yards annually. A great deal more could be produced if, as pointed out by Mr. Thackersey, there could be three-shift working of spinning mills throughout the country. But such working is possible only if Government makes available adequate and regular supplies of coal. And Government will be perfectly justified in giving high priority to coal for the industry, considering that clothing is next in importance only to food. Similarly it will be great assistance if, as suggested by Sir Vithal N. Chandavarkar at the meeting of the Bombay Millowners, the Government of India opens negotiations with Britain and the United States for the import of machinery. If assurances are forthcoming on this account, it will be easier for millowners to utilise their present machinery at the higest possible pressure.

Finally, as we have often pointed out before, there are vast possibilities in handspinning at the present moment. Owing to the prevailing scarcity of cloth and the propaganda carried on by Gandhiji and the Congress, there is now practically an inexhaustible demand for Khaddar. Considering also that cotton and cheap labour are available almost in every district, it is surprising that Khaddar is not yet being organised on a nation-wide scale. It is suspected that many officials are reluctant to take the initiative in this matter or to offer any help, as directly or indirectly this brings Congress workers in close contact with villagers and increases Congress influence. If there is any ground for such suspicion it speaks very badly for the officials concerned, who profess to seek co-operation from Congressmen but fail to utilise the most willing co-operation from them in organising Khaddar. However, whether officials help or not, it is the duty of Congressmen and others who believe in Khaddar to do everything possible to increase its production in every district.

"Sovereign Nation, Indeed!"

In a statement to the press Sir Chimanlal Setalvad most effectively exposes Sir Firoz Khan Noon's assertion in London that the India which he and Sir A. Ramaswamy would represent at San Francisco was a "sovereign nation." Sir Chimanlal recalls how the Central Assembly has refused salaries to Executive Councillors who yet hold offices and claim to represent India, how covenanted services are controlled by the Secretary of State, how leaders who would sweep the polls in India are kept in jail and how votes of the Central Assembly passed by all the parties are disregarded by the Executive Council. "Sovereign Nation indeed!" as Sir Chimanlal witheringly observes. The picture of the political status and sovereignty of India is palpably "a travesty of realities," a cynical outrage against democracy. Unfortunately for India, the Government of India and the Secretary of State do not bother about such minor things as realities and democracy. And, moreover, India's "representatives" are among those Indians who glorify in outdoing Britishers themselves in blatantly incorrect assertions. Sir Chimanlal's exposure of them and their claims is, however, very useful because it tells the world the true position.

Frankly Speaking

Tottenham's Contradictions

Replying to questions in the Central Assembly on the subject of ban on Provincial Congress Committees, Sir Richard Tottenham made a number of interesting and rather contradictory statements. The ban in the various Provinces was, he said, a matter which concerned the Provincial Governments. Immediately after that he said that the Government of India's own policy was "to maintain the ban till its removal is justified". This clearly is a confession that the ban on the Provincial Congress Committees is a matter that concerned the Government of India. This is further corroborated by a question asked later according to which the Government of Sind was "in communication" with the Government of India regarding the removal of the ban in Sind. Sir Richard Tottenham's troubles arose out of the situation in the Frontier Province in explanation of which he tried to shift responsibility on to the Provincial Governments. Clearly the Provincial Governments have been following the policy and instructions of the Government of India. Incidentally, something to that effect was recently admitted, even though indirectly, by Sir Nazimuddin too.

Curious Situation

The Frontier Province was certainly an exception and Sir Richard sought to make much of the fact that "no Congress Committee has ever been declared unlawful in the Frontier since 1942," that is, even when it was a Sec. 93 Province. But that very fact proves the unwisdom of the ban in other Provinces and the complete unjustifiability of its continuation. On one point, however, there is something worse than contradiction. Mr. Yoosuf Abdula Haroon asked Sir Richard Tottenham whether he was aware that "the Home Member of the Sind Government gave an assurance on the floor of the Sind Legislative Assembly that the "Government of Sind are in communication with the Government of India regarding removal of the ban on the Sind Provincial Congress Committee." And Sir Richard's reply was "Government have no information to that effect." This is a very curious situation. Are we to understand that the Sind Home Member's categorical statement on his and his Government's behalf was, in fact, a deliberate misstatement? Or are we to suppose that his communication got lost in the Home Department of the Government of India so that Sir Richard Tottenham and his colleagues have had no information about it?

Extravagant Optimism

It is natural that Allied successes both in Europe and against Japan should stimulate some extravagant optimism. The victories are so tremendous actually and, even more so, potentialy, that this is unavoidable. One of such optimists is a correspondent of Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express". He has offered the opinion that "Japan's war can end in a day either by the total destruction of the remnant of its Imperial Fleet or, more probably, by an eventually inevitable Soviet ultimatum". The argument obviously is that any of these alternative developments would prove to the Japs the hopelessness of their situation and that they would collapse without offering any further fight. This is dangerous wishful thinking. The Japs already know what the destruction of their Fleet or a Soviet ultimatum is expected to tell them. And yet they are fighting on. Japan will certainly collapse one day but not "in a day", as predicted by the "Daily Express".

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The woman who hesitates usually has an impediment in her speech.

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It is as hard to impose on some men the second time as it was easy to do it the first time.

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A girl has it in her power to make any number of men happy for life—by declining to marry them.

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A word to the wise may be sufficient, but the policeman frequently has to use a club on the other wise.

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A man likes to have it said that his baby looks like him, but he gets angry if told he resembles the baby.

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When a girl casts her bread upon the waters she expects it to come back in the shape of a wedding cake.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Background Of Conversion Scandal In Goa

The latest conversion scandal that took place in Goa is not a mere incident but an example of what is going on there on a bigger scale, a result of the systematic policy of enslavement of Goans pursued under the Salazar Dictatorship for some time.

Under the Republican system, previous to the present Catholic-Fascist Dictatorship, religious congregations were banned in the Portuguese territory and the Jesuits were expelled since the time of the Marquis of Pombal (18th century). Under Salazar, priests, nuns and friars of all denominations and nationalities have flocked to Goa. Huge convents have been built all over the country. Under war conditions ordinary people are not able to buy a bag of cement for indispensable repairs, but the religious orders are the only people who are able to carry on considerable building activities. While not a pie has been collected for relief work for famine destitutes or any other social work, lakhs of rupees have been extorted or given in donation by Goans and foreigners to religious congregations.

The Jesuits and the nuns have taken in their hands public education. These semi-literate people almost monopolize the aducative and cultural activity in spite of their lack of qualifications for the work and of their low standard of culture. The Jesuits have taken hold of some English schools using all sorts of devices to deprive others of their establishments. In the last eight years all applications sent to the Government to open new English and Marathi schools have been rejected, but schools owned by Catholic religious orders are prospering under special protection given to them by the State.

It has been the open policy of Salazar to use the Catholic religion for his imperialist aims. The "Acto Colonial", the basic law of the Portuguese Empire, declares plainly that "the Catholic missions are an instrument of civilization and national (Portuguese) influence." The same principle is repeated in the section 248 of the 'Organic Charter of the Portuguese Colonial Empire.' The Concordat signed between Salazar and the Vatican establishes that the Overseas Dioceses and Missions are aided by the State in order that in their teachings "the legitimate Portuguese patriotic sense be taken into consideration".

The responsibility for starting conversions in Goa belongs to the present Patriarch who is a strong supporter of the Salazar regime. For that reason he is even supposed to be more influential with the Government of Portugal than the Governor. He took the initiative of the conversion drive and encouraged the Catholic Action and other organizations in the matter. When the agitation about the Sophia College was going on in Bombay he interfered in this subject not concerning him and asked the British authorities not to allow the disaffiliation of the College. He did it in the name of freedom and democracy, although he openly supports the Fascist Dictatorship in Goa.

The other authorities involved in the 'conversion scandal are Mr. Pedro Correia Afonso, President of Margao Municipality, nominated by Government, and also officer of the Agricultural Department, leader of the Catholic Action and editor of a Catholic daily, Commandante Martin, the Commissioner of Police of Margao, Mr. Vieira, the Secretary of the Civil Administration at Margao.

Several of the Dictatorial laws specially concerning education are offensive to Hindus, who form half of the population of Goa, but the Hindu reactionaries who seek favour with the officials and at the same time lead protest against these many humiliations they are suffering. Their selfishness and cowardice keeps them aloof from all the nationalist-minded people. That explains the unbelievable harshness and arrogance displayed by the authorities in the present case of conversion. That explains too the excessive timidity with which these reactionaries have reacted even this time.

The censors did not allow the Goan press even to mention the sensational event. The culprits being all of them authorities and having the active support of the Patriarch are sure of their impunity. The people are indignant, irrespective of their religion, but are unable to express their feelings under the dictatorial rule. Even those who have seen the fact from very near are afraid to talk about them.

ANTI-FANATICUS.

Bombay Coroner Interested In Police Court Case

An interesting court case is going on at the Sixth Presidency Magistrate's Court, Mazagaon, in which one P. P. Ravade, a clerk working in the General Post Office and a former Treasurer of the Hume Memorial Church, Byculla, is alleged to have misappropriated certain moneys of the Hume Memorial Church and committed a criminal breach of trust, etc. The Church is a purely independent Indian Church of about 150 years' standing and mostly consists of poor people. The Bombay Coroner is a Christian, and belongs to the same Indian Christian community. He is pleading for the accused, it seems, free of charge. About ten or eleven hearings have taken place. The Coroner has been complaining invariably that he has no time to spare to come to the court as he has many urgent calls at his own court, and still he attends the court to defend the accused. Mr. D. S. Deodhar and Mr. M. R. Navangule are appearing on behalf of the Hume Memorial Church Pastor. In the initial stages of the case, when asked by the pleader of the complainant if the Coroner had permission from the Government to plead, he could not say 'yes' or 'no', but only stated that his predecessors were doing so. When pressed to answer if he had any special permission from the Government to appear in the court, the Coroner asked the Magistrate to give him permission to appear before him on behalf of the accused. The Coroner is a Government servant getting Government stipend. He seems to have no special permission to appear in the court. He himself makes out that he is a very busy man and has to attend to many calls at his own court. A Magistrate pleading before a Magistrate may create an awkward position to the cause of justice and yet no notice is being taken of this by any competent authority over the Bombay Coroner.

A CHRISTIAN.

Progressive Group

I have been reading with interest the propaganda which is sought to be started in some of the Bombay newspapers against the Progressive Group. I am in no way connected with the Managing Committee of the Group or with any of its members and as one who is interested only in the fine activities of that body, I think it fair that the other side of the shield should also be presented to the public.

I attended the annual general meetings and it was quite evident to me that a small clique of troublemakers had made it their object to see the whole proceedings made impossible. Is it fair to blame the President of a meeting, if the meeing is hampered and obstructed by a small number of individuals? The President on every important issue took the vote of the house. Having failed in their object, the few disappointed persons are now seeking to do propaganda in the press.

The members were free to give their votes to whom they liked at the election of the Managing Committee. My free will in giving my vote to whom I liked at the election was in no way hampered or coerced. The present Committee, I have been informed on enquiry, consists among others of 3 solicitors, 2 accountants, 1 author, 1 journalist, and 1 lawer of repute. As for the slip canvassing for a few candidates for the election, I see nothing undemocratic or unconstitutional in it. I have seen such slips at several election meetings besides that of the Progressive Group. Apart from the question of that slip, the Managing Committee for 1945-1946 was, indeed, well selected. The least I can say is that it would be easy for a few friends of a disappointed candidate to rush to the press and vent their spleen by starting a newspaper propaganda against an institution which is in no way to be blamed. I think the members of the Group must use their judgment and not let a few enemies of that institution hamper its useful activities.

(Miss) MEHERU S. BANKER.

Abidali's Charge Against B. E. S. T.

Dismissal Of Workers Is Victimisation

After a battle royal of recriminations and counter-recriminations on the part of the authorities of the B. E. S. T. Company on the one hand and the executives of the B. E. S. T. Workers' Union on the other, has now emerged the real story of what transpired between the two bodies during the three days of the city's travail when the workers of the Company's Traffic Department went on a lightning strike following the arrest of their leaders on Saturday last.

At a Press Conference held at the Union's office on Wednesday afternoon Mr. Adam Adil, its Vice-President, said that when he along with his colleagues of the Union's Executive approached Mr. Trollip, General Manager of the B.E.S.T. Co., Ltd., with a view to bringing about a settlement they were flatly told: "I AM DETERMINED TO CRUSH THE WORKERS."

They then met Gandhiji and later saw Sir C. V. Mehta, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, who asked them to request the workers to resume and gave an assurance that he would be very fair to the workers.

In spite of this assurance, later, when the Mayor with Mr. Nagindas Master and Mr. S. K. Patil intervened, the Company's authorities stipulated that 25 workers, whom they considered as "undesirables", would be dismissed. It was at this stage that the Mayor and Messrs. Master and Patil keenly resented the attitude of the Company and even said that they had failed in their negotiations. They then appealed to the Union officials to request the workers to resume work in spite of the Company's acquaintance attitude and said that they would do their best to get all the workers re-instated.

STRIKE CALLED OFF

The strike was called off accordingly to put an end to the inconvenience caused to the public.

The Union will employ all constitutional means to get the dismissed men back to their jobs.

The charge made by some Communist leaders in the city newspapers agreeing with the dismissal of the twenty-five workers was a gross betrayal of their cause was strongly refuted by Mr. Adam Adil who said that the Union would not rest content until they were reinstated.

Earlier Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy made a statement giving a resume of the events leading to the recent strike and observed that it was the first duty of the Union to take up the cause of these dismissed workers and see that justice was done to them.

To the question, "In case your demand is not met how will you get them re-instated, he answered: "I hope public opinion will assert itself. All the Directors of the Company are Indians and I am sure they will bow to public opinion."

The following is Mr. Abidali's statement:

"The position as described by the General Manager of the B.E.S.T. Co., Ltd., and the Director of Information of the Bombay Government is incorrect in material particulars. Many gaps have to be filled up to complete the picture. The crisis which developed on April 7 was mainly the result of the provocative action taken by the Police aided by the Company. I shall narrate the facts briefly.

"The new hardships inflicted on the workers by their being forced to work for two shifts on the new double deckers coupled with the insulting behaviour and ill-treatment meted out to the workers by their junior officers compelled them to make some effective protest on March 19. But the management themselves recognised the justice of the demand made by the workers and a settlement was arrived at, with the result the workers resumed work within four hours.

"At that time it was definitely agreed between the General Manager and the Union authorities that there will be no victimisation and no prosecution of the workers who were arrested that day. The General Manager agreed to this condition after consulting the Police Commissioner on the 'phone. Later he 'phoned me again suggesting that the arrested workers should be released. A few days later I came to know that proceedings against the workers still kept pending. I protested against this and on March 30 I was told that Mr. Alton, Traffic Manager of the Company, himself had approached the Police Commissioner and later had agreed to withdraw the cases.

WORKERS ARRESTED

"In spite of these repeated assurances, the workers were handed over to the Police on the afternoon of Friday, April 6. When I asked the General Manager as to how it happened, he said that he was not aware of what the Police did. It could not be that he was unaware of what the Police did. I pointed out to him that relievers were kept by the Company at the Colaba Terminus to take charge from the workers who were wanted by the Police, and that an Inspector of the Company was also put on special duty to see that the wanted workers were handed over to the Police. I told the General Manager that it was a flagrant breach of the agreement arrived at between the Company and the Police Commissioner on the one hand and the Union authorities on the other. It was a deliberate act of provocation and I could not understand why, after being told on March 30 that the Police Commissioner had agreed to drop the charges, on April 6 these men were again taken into custody.

"The only incidence which happened between March 30 and April 6 was the 10-minute stoppage of work on "Chimur Day." I warned the General Manager of the serious consequences of this breach of agreement and told them that the responsibilities for whatever consequences followed would have to be shared by the B. E. S. T. Co. Ltd., and the Police. That evening the workers were sent home, but again they were called back to the Police Station at 8 p.m. Again I 'phoned the General Manager, but he was not in any mood to come with me and he referred me to the Police.

"WORKERS FOOLED"

"This created an intolerable situation. The workers felt that they were being fooled and that the Company with the help of the Police were working up a policy of victimisation. They were very much agitated. But I pacified them and promised to take the matter up with the Company and the Government. I went to sleep but evidently the Company authorities and the Police were not able to sleep that night. Early morning at 5-30 on Saturday the police came and woke me up and said, "I was under arrest." Along with me they arrested Mr. Mohamed Hifazat Rasool, the trusted worker and the Organizing Secretary of the B.E.S.T. Union.

"About what happened later, the public has more knowledge than I have. There are other and more grave issues raised in the 'communique' issued by the Company and the Government, but to-day I am only concerned to point out that the strike that was precipitated on April 7 was directly the outcome of the deliberate breach of the misunderstanding arrived at on March 19. For that neither the Company nor the Government absolved themselves of responsibility.

30 DISMISSALS

"There is one other point to which I have to draw public attention and that is the dismissal of 30 of our trusted workers. Bus Drivers Safdar Khan and Donduram Karate are two Vice-Presidents of the Union and 20 of them are members of our Executive Committee. There is no charge against them excepting that along with seven thousand of their coworkers they ceased work on these three occasions. There have been repeated assurances that there could be no victimisation. The dismissal of these workers is the surest act of victimisation. The mass dismissal of 30 drivers and conductors advertised in City newspapers with no charge stated against them is not a routine punishment meted out in the course of normal administration for acts of indiscipline. A Company that publicly proclaims its punishment for indiscipline should in the name of decency state what these acts of indiscipline were. The public could then judge whether the punishment fitted the offence. That the Company does not do. The dismissals follow the decision of the workers to resume work. And all the dismissed men are known to be energetic workers of the Union. I leave it to the public to judge whether this is not victimisation.

"Before I close I should draw attention to the wrong impression created in some section of the Press that the Union had agreed to the dismissal of these men. It is simply not true. It is the first duty of the Union to take up the cause of these dismissed workers and see that justice is done to everyone of them."

Mahatma's Four Conditions For Successful Strike

Shri Pyarelal has issued the following to the press:—

"As an unauthorised translation of Gandhiji's advice to the Tramways and Bus strikers' deputation has already appeared in the daily press and as the strike is happily over, it is desirable to publish an authorised translation of the advice for future use as it lays down the fundamentals of a successful strike:

In reply to the request of the deputationists for advice Gandhiji said: "My advice in this matter may not be of much use as, with the exception of Abidally, I am not acquainted with any of you. Nor have I any direct, intimate knowledge of the conditions in Bombay. I would therefore say to you that you should consult such leaders as enjoy your confidence and are sound and you should do as they say."

Pressed by the deputationists to give a word of guidance on the strength of his own experience of strikes which he had led, Gandhiji observed:—"I have conducted many strikes. I can, therefore, give you the conditions of a successful strike. The first is that the cause should be firm and just. Secondly, the strikers should be firm and not be afraid of starvation, physical assaults or even death. Thirdly, they should never deviate from the path of truth and 'ahimsa' in whatever they might do. Fourthly, the strikers should have public support behind them. If you can satisfy all these four conditions you should stand firm but if you fall short in any of these respects you should boldly retrace your steps. I cannot give you further guidance. The details are for you to decide."

In answer to their further request that he should address an appeal to the Directors of the Company, most of whom were Indians, Gandhiji said: "It is not my practice to interfere in a matter with which I am not fully acquainted. I do not even know who are on the Board of Directors. If, as you say, the Board is composed predominantly of Indians your task ought to be easy. My function ceases with the advice. The time is perhaps past when I could lead strikes myself. If you understand this limitation of mine you will save my time as well as yours. Time in your case is the very essence. You have therefore to act promptly. If you carefully ponder over that I have said you will find that I have told you everything."

The deputationists finally asked whether Gandhiji would not appeal to the public to support them. Gandhiji replied, "It is not my word but your conduct that can win for you public support."—U.P.

All B.E.S.T. Workers Back At Work

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

With the release of their leaders and the strikers who were arrested the workers of the B.E.S.T. have all resumed work to-day and traffic is restored to normal.

"FULL-FLEDGED BEGGARS' ACT"

Reformative As Well As Penal Legislation On Anvil

The draft of a Bill to provide for the prevention of begging, for the detention, training and employment of beggars and their dependants in Certified Institution, and for the custody, trial and punishment of beggar offenders in the Province of Bombay is published. The draft will be taken into consideration by the Government of Bombay on or after 12th May 1945.

Any objection or suggestion which may be received by the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Home Department from any person with respect to the said draft on or before the aforesaid date will be considered by Government.

In the statement of Objects and Reasons, it is observed:

The problem of beggary has been considered frequently in the past. It is now realised that it cannot be effectively and systematically tackled without a full-fledged Beggars' Act. This legislation provides for the detention of beggars in suitable institutions after commitment by a Magistrate. It is intended to be reformative so far as indigent and helpless beggars are concerned and provides for their training and equipment for gainful employment after expiry of the period of detention. It is penal only so far as exploitation of beggars and contumacious vagrancy are concerned. Children coming under this law are proposed to be dealt with under the Bombay Children Act, 1924 except that children up to 5 years of age who are beggars or dependants of beggars will be dealt with under this legislation.

The legislation extends to the whole Province but will come into force in particular areas of the Province on such dates as may be notified by Government. The legislation depends for its working on the provision of adequate and varied institutional accommodation and it is intended to be brought into force as and when such accommodation become available in particular areas.

Bomb Mikado Now, Says Soong

CHUNGKING (Globe): T. V. Soong, China's smooth, soft-spoken Minister of Foreign Affairs and chief of the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco Conference, is one Government official who thinks the Japanese Emperor should be overthrown. In an answer to a correspondent's querry, he said he favours "bombing now" of the Jap mikado. "That would make one question less for the United Nations to study", he declared.

WEDEMEYER RETURNS TO CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, April 10 (U. P. A.): Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, Commander of the American forces in the China Theatre, just returned from war conferences in Washington and Manila, said these conferences fitted China operations into a "new time table" for the defeat of Japan.

Wedemeyer said, "the American people are much concerned with the efforts of the United State to form forces to assist China in shifting from defensive to offensive strategy.

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TRIBUTES TO BHUJPURIA

Address And Purse Presented

In appreciation of his long services rendered through many associations and organizations of Bombay, Sjt. Khimjji M. Bhujpuria, President of the Indian Grain Dealers' Federation was presented with an address, a purse containing Rs. 70,601 and a motor car by the Bombay Grain Dealers' Association at a function held at Gowalia Tank Maidan on Wednesday evening.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. T. K. Mazgaumwala, President of the Bombai Grain Dealers' Association, Dr. J. A. D'Souza, Mayor of Bombay, Mr. S. K. Patil, Sjt. Nagindas Master, Mr. Gulam Hussain Sunawala and others paid high tribute to Sjt. Bhujpuria's services to the public of Bombay during the last 25 years.

Mr. Bhujpuria is connected with a number of educational and social institutions of Bombay.

Replying to the address Sjt. Bhujpuria made a suitable speech and thanked all for the honour done to him. He said that his success was due to the whole-hearted co-operation of his friends and colleagues.

Mr. M. A. Master, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber presided over the function.

ALLIES DESTROY 245 GERMAN JET PLANES

LONDON, April 11 (U. P. A.): A bulletin of the U. S. Army's Eighth Air Force says that a record number of German jet planes attacked American fliers raiding over Germany yesterday. Eighteen of the German planes were shot down in the air and 227 were destroyed on the ground.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Mr. Yoosuf Abdoola Haroon: Is the Home Secretary aware that the Home Member of the Sind Government gave an assurance on the floor of the Sind Legislative Assembly that the Government of Sind are in communication with the Government of India regarding removal of the ban on the Sind Provincial Congress Committee?

Home Secretary: Government have no information to that effect.

—Central Assembly Report.

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Referring to the treatment recently meted out to Acharya Kripalani and Mr. Asaf Ali, Pandit Gobind Vallabh Pant says: "Such pin-pricks do not serve any purpose from anybody's point of view but cause unnecessary irritation."

Isn't Pandit Pant slightly mistaken? He has missed the main possibility, the likelihood of those pin-pricks having caused some necessary self-gratification.

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Sir Richard Tottenham told the Central Assembly amidst laughter that if he disclosed the confidential views of the Governor-General-in-Council, he would probably be dismissed.

The Hon. Acting Home Member was certainly joking. Who is the Secretary of State or Governor-General who would ever dream of dismissing Sir Richard Tottenham with his magnificent and unequalled record as a Literary (Congress Responsibility) and Epistolary (his letters to Gandhiji) genius?

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Chimur And Ashti Echo In Assembly

Banking Bill Referred To Select Committee

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A.P.I.)—In the Assembly today Mr. Kailash Behari Lal attempted to move an adjournment motion to discuss "the conduct of Mr. Le Bailly, Deputy Commissioner, Delhi, as President of the Delhi Municipal Committee in indulging in utterly uncalled for and provocative action in tearing into pieces a copy of the resolution on Chimur and Ashti riot case convicts, which was handed to him personally by the retiring Vice-President at the last meeting of the Municipality.

The Chair: "I don't suppose the mover suggests this was done under instructions from the Government of India (laughter).

Mr. Kailash Behari said it was an insult, particularly in these days when the democratic spirit was to prevail in the administration. (A Voice: The Deputy Commissioner is an aggressive person).

The Chair: The Municipal Commissioners can take action themselves.

Mr. Kailash Behari said he did not know if this could be done, but it was necessary to bring such a man to his senses.

Sir Richard Tottenham, Home Secretary, objecting to the motion on the grounds that it not of sufficiently urgent public importance said the incident took place last week, and if the mover thought it of sufficient importance, he could and should have taken the earliest opportunity to bring it up.

(A Voice: The news was published only the day before yesterday).

He said, he was approached by certain members and asked to accept short notice of a question on the subject. He declined, because this was in his opinion eminently a case of the least said, the soonest mended. He had since made enquiries and this was what happened. At the meeting of the Municipal Committee, Mr. Le Bailly was handed notice of the resolution in question. Under his powers as President, he ruled it out of order, and the business of the meeting proceeded. Mr. Le Bailly, thereafter, quietly tore up the paper and dropped it in the waste paper basket.

(A Voice: Did he do that?)

He was informed, said Sir Richard, that he did that and that no offence was taken at the time, and no offence was intended. There was no intention of indulging in a dramatic or provocative gesture. Nothing more was said until after the meeting was finished, when certain people seemed to have decided to take the matter further. He had been assured by the Chief Commissioner that Mr. Le Bailly did not intend any insult to anybody, Sir Richard hoped the House would accept the assurance.

(Voices: No. No. We expect better manners).

Sir Richard added he thought that members opposite had really attained their object. He had been outmanoeuvred and compelled to give an answer, though he had declined to accept a short notice question.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum: Will Mr. Le Bailly express his regrets?

The Chair observed that as regards the objection raised by the Home Secretary about the delay in bringing the matter before the House, the fact was that a short notice was given of a question on the subject and it was not accepted. He should have thought that in a case like this, the proper course would have been to accept short notice and give the answer now given and get the matter cleared up.

As regards the question whether the motion was in order, if, as was alleged, the Deputy Commissioner did tear up the paper or flouted the Vice-President of the Municipality, it was an act of discourtesy which was not expected from a high official of his position. But the Chair had been assured that, as a matter of fact, no insult was meant or taken. The Home Secretary had explained that Municipal Commissioners themselves took no offence. Further, the Chair had been told that in a matter like this, the members of the Municipality themselves should take proper action and there was no need for outside interference. The Chair, therefore, held the matter was not of sufficient public importance to adjourn the business of the Assembly.

The Chair ruled out Prof. Ranga's adjournment motion to discuss "the warning issued by the Grain Purchase Officer of Bezwada to the rice millers of Gudlavelleru not to purchase paddy at a higher rate than that at Gudivada, instead of maintaining their former lower rate."

The Food Member Sir J. P. Srivastava explained that the Grain Purchase Officer was an official of the Madras Government and had nothing whatever to do with the Government of India.

Debate On Banking Bill

The Central Assembly today resumed discussion on the Finance Member's motion to refer to a Select Committee his bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to banking companies.

Concluding his speech, Prof. N. G. Ranga said that in addition to nationalising the Reserve Bank of India, Government should also nationalise the Imperial Bank of India, which had done the "greatest possible mischief" to the country.

Prof. Ranga urged that a central agricultural bank, with provincial and district branches, should be established for the benefit of the rural public and that private money-lending to peasants should be prohibited.

He doubted the wisdom of the Government of India in joining the proposed international monetary fund.

Dr. P. N. Banerjee, Leader of the Nationalist Party, considered the Bill too limited in its scope and defective in many respects. He was against vesting the Reserve Bank with more powers.

Dr. Banerjee thought it preposterous to place banks incorporated in Indian States on a par with foreign banks.

Mr. E. L. C. Gwilt (European Group) said that any legislation designed to build an efficient banking system must be worthy of support, but in some respects, the present bill defeated that object and, if passed, might hamper the smooth running of banking business.

Referring to the restrictions in the Bill on unsecured loans and advances by a bank to a firm or company in which one of its own directors was interested, Mr. Gwilt said that that provision was drastic and was likely to hamper a perfectly sound risk on the part of a bank. There were men of integrity who were directors of banking companies, and at the same time directors of financially sound commercial undertakings. In such circumstances, the director might with prudence advise the bank of which he was also a Director, to make an advance to the commercial undertaking, but if the provisions of the Bill were followed, he would be prohibited from doing this. Indeed, a bank would be prohibited from making perfectly sound unsecured loans to a commercial company, if it had a common Director, and the legal hazards such a Director would now have to run were such as might well deter him from continuing his directorship of the bank. Thus the bank would lose the services of a sound and efficient administrator.

WHY THIS DIFFERENTIATION?

Mr. Hussainbhai Lalji (Unattached) drew attention to the "great powers" that the House was called upon to vest in the Reserve Bank and declared that it was risk to place these powers in the hands of Directors who represented only one class and could not speak, for instance, for the agricultural classes. Mr. Hussainbhai asked why foreign banks were not required to send audited reports signed by recognised auditors, as Indian banks were required to do. Foreign banks, he said, did not suffer from any restriction as to the kind of business they could do.

Mr. Ram Nath, Secretary, Reserve Bank of India, replying to the debate, said that the fears expressed by various speakers regarding the possible effect of the provisions of the Bill on the position of smaller banks appeared to be out of all proportion of the actual provisions. The Bill had been designed to help and guide smaller banks in the conduct of their proper place in the industrial and agricultural reconstruction and development of the country in the post-war period.

The House agreed to refer the Bill to the Select Committee.

MINES' MATERNITY BENEFIT BILL

The House passed Dr. Ambedkar's Bill to amend the Mines Maternity Benefit Act as reported by Select Committee. During the consideration stage, Dr. Ambedkar explained the changes made by the Committee and said that the prohibition on the employment of women underground had been extended from four weeks to 26 weeks after confinement. Thus including the ten weeks prohibition before confinement, the total period of prohibition on account of confinement was 36 weeks. The Committee had also provided for examination of women miners by women doctors and for an increase in the amount of benefit from eight to twelve annas a day for all women miners and from eight annas a day to Rs. six a week for women working underground.

Mrs. Subbaroyan (Congress) declared that if the ban on the employment of women underground had not been withdrawn there would have been no need for bills of this kind.

Mr. N. M. Joshi urged the appointment of an impartial committee presided over by a High Court Judge to determine whether production of coal had actually increased as a result of sending women underground, and whether the provision decrease of production was due to shortage of labour or for other reasons; if it was to shortage of labour, then why such shortage had occurred and whether by improving the conditions of labour sufficient male labour could not have been attracted to coal-mining.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

Hooseinbhoy's Cable To Wavell

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A. P. I.): Mr. Hooseinbhoy Lalljee M. L. A., (Central) in a cable to Lord Wavell says that no constitution shall be acceptable to 20 million Shia Mussalmans of India, unless it guaranteed to them unfettered freedom of their religion and adequate representaion, warranted by their population, in the Central and Provincial Legislatures, Executives Judiciary, local bodies and in the services.

Mr. Hooseinbhoy says: "Shia Muslims are a minority amongst Mussalmans of India just as Scheduled Castes are a minority amongst the Hindus, but whereas the Hindus and the Congress have conceded special safeguards for the Scheduled Castes, the All-India Muslim League which claims to be sole representative of Indian Mussalmans refuses to concede similar safeguards to its own religious minority.

Emphasising that the Shias have lost all confidence in the sense of fairplay and justice of Sunni Mussalmans, Mr. Hooseinbhoy repudiates all claims of the All-India Muslim League to represent them.

Concluding Mr. Hooseinbhoy says that the President of the Shia Conference submitted the demands of the community to Mr. Jinnah in July last, and those demands were dismissed by Mr. Jinnah as totally irrelevant and raised under misapprehension. In fact, both the Congress and the League had enunciated high sounding principles, but have done nothing to remove the causes which are responsible for the disunity in this country.

Germany Grimly Awaits End

Himmler Takes Over From Hitler After Split Among Nazis

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter)

Strong evidence of a split among Nazi leaders is provided by reports now reaching authoritative London quarters from inside Germany. These reports confirm earlier evidence that Himmler has now for all practical purposes superseded Hitler in the effective control of the party and what remains of the German military machine. Hitler, according to the testimony of high ranking Nazis, is now an ill man indeed and is not expected to live long. There is much speculation as to whether he will be captured alive. Reports from Europe suggest that he will either evade justice by committing suicide, or be shot before he had time to do so.

With the map of Germany subjected to radical daily alterations by the advancing Allied armies, the internal situation has become chaotic. Spectacular evidence on the completeness of the military collapse is being provided by such incidents as the capture of the great city of Hanover by 200 Allied soldiers. The Germans, say the reports, are not fighting well. They have become so numbed and apathetic under the terrible impact of Allied bombing that their will to resist has crumbled and now they grimly await the end.

There is no sign, however, of any organised German attempt to offer unconditional surrender, nor is there any high expectation in Allied circles that such an offer will be made.

Pakistan Badly Handled

Khaksar Leader On Sapru Report

LAHORE, April 11 (A.P.I.)

Allama Mashriqui the Kaksar Leader commenting on the Sapru report said "the burning question of Pakistan has been very badly handled, and even Mahatma Gandhi, I dare say, will agree with the Committee on that question. In fact that question is now too far advanced to be ignored or bypassed, and whatever its merits or demerits, it has got to be dealt with in accordance with the current sentiment."

Allama Mushriqui however pointed out that there were certain clear merits in the proposals of the Conciliation Committee which he welcomed. The Conciliation Committee he said, has cleared the point that the future President of India who would take the place of the Viceroy is to be chosen by the will of the people and not by the British Government. This interpretation of the British promises of Indian freedom will remove further doubts from the minds of all those who still think that the British are not going to give freedom in any sense and is bound to react in favour of agreement between the warring parties. The second merit in the proposals is that the Muslim share in the centre of being at par with the Hindus, whatever criticism it evokes from politically inclined Muslim quarters, will produce general feeling of relief among the Muslim public.

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Big Gathering Meets Pant

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR, April 11.

Cries of "Mahatma Ganhdi-ki-Jai" and "P. Govind Ballabh Pant-ki-Jai" rent the air when the train bearing Pt. Pant, member of the Congress Working Committee and ex-Premier of U. P. reached Hapur last night. Hundreds had gathered to receive their beloved leader at a short notice. Pt. Pant's compartment was practically loaded with flowers. Punditji thanked the gathering for their affectionate reception. He declined to say anything on current affairs but reminded the audience of the National Week and asked every one to concentrat his entire energies on khaddar, to Hindu-Muslim unity and other items of the Constructive Programme initiated by Gandhiji, Pt. Pant was on his way to Almora, his home town.

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India Debate On Sapru Plan

LONDON, April 10 (U. P. I.): The plan of the Indian constitution drawn up by the Sapru Conciliation Committee was published in most of the morning paper of London. The "United Press of India" learns that it has excited considerable and favourable interest in the Labour Parliamentary circles. It is understood that before long Mr. Arthur Greenwood, leader of the Labour Opposition in the Commons, will ask for a day to be set aside for a debate on India.

Delegation To London

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The suggestion that the Sapru Committee should send a delegation to London to put its plan for future India before the British Parliament and public was made to me to-day by Mr. Pplin B. Seal, Chairman of the Committee of India Congressmen in England.

Attempt On Life Of EDES Chief

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The Turkish radio says that an unsuccessful attempt on the life of the President of the Greek National Party, Chief of EDES, General Zervas, was made on Monday night.

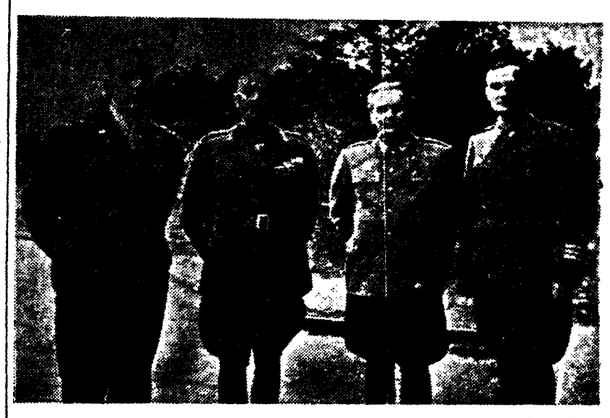
The Greek Government is sending a Commission to Belgrade to arrange the repatriation of Greeks and Jews from Greece who were exiled by the Germans.

Scholarship For Adarkar

CALCUTTA, April 11 (A.P.I.)

The General Secretary of the 'Art in Industry' Exhibition announces that the scholarship for the first Indian commercial art teacher, to be sent to England for a year's advanced tuition, has been awarded to Mr. V. N. Adarkar who is the deputy to the Director of the School, and also acts as the Superintendent of the Commercial Art Section.

Alexander Meets Tito In Belgrade



Field Marshal Alexander met and conferred with Marshal Tito in February last at the White Palace in Belgrade, formerly occupied by King Peter. Picture shows (left to right) Major-General Leunitzer, Commander of the 12th U. S. Army Air Force; Field Marshal Alexander; Marshal Tito and Partisan General Iojanovic.

Independence Day Echo

Students Who Absented Themselves Hauled Up

NAGPUR, April 11 (U. P. I.): Some students of the Agricultural College who remained absent from classes on January 26, last, the Independence Day, have been asked by the College authorities to explain through their guardians why they absented themselves on that day. The students have also been informed that in case of failure to submit a satisfactory explanation by April 15 next, they will not be admitted in the College for the term 1945-46.

Mr. J. M. Chavan, Secretary of the C. P. and Berar Students' Federation, in the course of a statement protests against the circular and trusts that the press and public leaders will support the students in their just struggle with the authorities.

Ghaffar Khan To Return To Frontier

PESHAWAR, April 11 (A. P. I.): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan is expected to return to Peshawar shortly to supervise personally the arrangements for the N.W.F.P. Provincial Congress Conference to be held at Peshawar on April 21, 22 and 23 under the presidentship of Doctor Syed Mahmud. Prominent leaders from all over India including Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai are expected to attend.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai will preside over the Punjab Civil Leberties Conference to be held at Lahore on April 15.

Savarkar In Poona

POONA, April 11 (A.P.I.): Mr. V. D. Savarkar, ex-President of the Hindu Mahasabha, arrived in Poona to-day and had discussions with Hindu Mahasabha leaders here regarding the proposals of the Sapru Committee and the general political situation. He will return to Bombay to-morrow.

Five Lakhs Worth Of Cloth For Free Distribution

CALCUTTA, April 11 (A. P. I.): Over Rs. 5,00,000 worth of clothing was sold at concession rates to non-official organisations by the Government of Bengal for free distribution amongst the distressed people of the province during the last financial year, according to authoritative quarters.

Export Of Specified Variety Of Cloth Banned

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has directed all manufacturers in the country not to sell for purposes of export cloth of counts of 48s and above. He has informed them that exports of cloth of counts of 36s and 47s will be limited to such quantities as the Export Trade Controller may permit specifically in writing, and they should verify such permission to be presented by exporters and export wholesale dealers before sale or delivery of such cloth.

Two Lakhs Worth Of Cigarettes Unearthed

DIBRUGARH ASSAM, April 9 (A. P. I.): The Tinsukia police recovered cigarettes valued at Rs. 2 lakhs from a local firm. They also recovered cloth, yarn and cigarettes worth Rs. 60,000 from another firm.

50,000 Maunds Of Wheat Deteriorates In Dacca

DACCA, April 11 (A.P.I.)

The District Controller of Civil Supplies has invited open tenders for the purchase of about 49,368 maunds of deteriorated atta lying in 13 Government godowns in the district. It is stated in the notice that the stuff is unfit for human consumption but may be used for cattle fodder.

AMERY HOPES FOR SUCCESS AT 'FRISCO

Stresses Importance Of "Trained Diplomat"

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter).—Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, speaking at the Lord Mayor's luncheon to the Diplomatic Corps in London today welcomed the presence also of the British Empire and Colonial delegation including Field Marshal Smuts and said: "They are here to consult how each, in individual capacity may, at San Francisco, promote the great ends of world peace.

"We wait with keen anticipation for the outcome of these discussions. They hope, and we can only echo their hope, that out of the discussions at San Francisco there will emerge a structure more fortunate than its predecessor, the League of Nations, which will make increasingly valuable contributions to peace and welfare of the world.

"They all realised that no organisation for peace could ever replace the value of personal touch and above all personal contact trained for the understanding of other mentalities, other traditions and other outlooks.

"The importance of a trained diplomat who could interpret his country to the country to which he is accredited and interpret that country to his own would not be diminished by any organisation the statesmen build up.

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, April 11.

The market continued steady all-round. Government securities were unaltered.

Following are today's final transactions upto 3 p.m.

GOVT SECURITIES: 2-3/4 p c Loan 1948/52 99/13 3 per cent defence Loan 1949/52 101/6 s. lot 3 per cent Loan 1953/55 100/5 3 per cent Victory Bonds 1957 100/1 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 99/2 3 per cent Loan 1966/68 98/8 s. lots 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 99/12 3-1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 103/7 Imperial Bank (conty) 489 Reserve Bank 132/8.

COTTONS: Basanti 12/1 Cawnpore Textiles 12/14 Muir Mills 430 Benares Cotton 11/15.

COALS: Amalgamated 52/8 Bhalgora 20/7 Burrakur 42/8 Central Kurkend 35/4 East Indian 37/12 Ghusick and Musita 15/1 Kusrdi 17/8 Nazira 20/2 New Churuila 13/8 Raneegunge 52/4 Rewa 44 Satpukuria and Asansol 10/10 Sendra 22/9 South Karanpura 30/3 Talcher 11/14 Bengal 685 Bokaro and Ramgur 48/3 Dnemo Main 27 Equitable 67/8 Newbeerbhoom 29/11 Ondal 23/4 Samla 9/5.

JUTES: Anglo India 478 Bally 368 Belvedere 540 Budge Budge 513 Champdany 257 Gouripore 875 Howrah 89/12 India 700 Kankinarrah 578 Kinnison 385 Megna 126/8 New Central 603 Orient 272 Reliance 76/8 Auckland 332/8 Barnagore 221/8 Cheviot 320 Kamarhatty 694 Nuddea 127 Presidency 12.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 5/2 Indian Copper 2/15 Karanpura Development 33/12 Tavoy Tin 2/10 Assam Bengal Cement 18/10 Dalmia Cement 16/4 Alkali and Chemical 28/14 Bharuia Elec Steel 22/2 Braithwaite and Co 11/12 Britannia Eng 17/15 Braithwaite and Co 11/12 Indian Iron and Steel 39/4 Jessop and Co 24/1 Kumardhubi Eng 10/12 Saraneng 9/4 National Iron 11/8 Steel Corpn 32/10 Calcutta Trams 43 Indian National Airways 24/12 s. o lot National Insulated Cable 14/4 - British Burma Petroleum 4/14 India Paper Pulp 222 Sree Gopal Paper 18/2 Titaghur Paper 27/4 Midnapore Zemindary 171 India Gen1 Navg 184.

SUGARS: Belsund 14/10 Carew 26/10 Darbhanga 25/8 New Savan 25/10 Ramnugger Cane 14/6.

TEAS: Kyang Tea Seed 10 Ranicherra 26.—A. P.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, April 11.

Following are todays quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange:

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan 37 Do 85 India Sugar 31 Jeypore 17/14 South India 16/8 Travancore 14/10 Mysore 58/4.

PLANTINGS: Balanoor 16/4 Balmadis 1/9 Blue Mts 1/7 Cochin Malabar 16/14 Chembra Peaks 9 Fringfords 16/2 Manalur 6/2 Mlamally 37/12 Midland 12 Nellithnam 14 Pullangodes 2/13/6 Thirumpadi 9/14 Vaikundam 20/8 Vellamalai 28/8 Vellitam 34/10.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Woi 465 Cambodia 23 Coimbatore Spg 146 Coimbatore Murugan 129 Dhanlaxmi 324 Kaleeswarar 730 Kothari Tex 31 Lakshmi 144 Do News 72 Mettur 251 Pankaja 260 Rajalakshmi 167 Rangavillas 145/8 Vasantha 287.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 115 India Steel Roll 9/14 Madras Safe 58 Mysore Chem and Fert 21/8 Mysore Paper 21/8 Mysore Chem Mfrs 30/8 Mettur Chem 15/8 Do Def 6/2 Singareni 20/12 Spencer 13/12.—A. P.

Ahmedabad Share Market

AHMEDABAD, April 11.

Influenced by quiet Bombay advices local shares gradually moved down on scattered liquidation and lack of support.

Calico 1389; Ambika 469; Ashok 580; Arvind 1467/8/0; Jupiter 364; New Cotton 480; New Textile 920; Nutan 447/4/0; Bihari 270; Bhaikia 170. Morris 154/8/0. Marsdon 190; Monogram 161; Raipur 1425; Rohit 383/12/0; Rajratna 250; Laimill 386/4/0; Vikram 387/8/0; Vijay 470; Silver Cotton 217/8/0; Saraspur 582. Sayaji 325.

Ashti-Chimur Application

C. P. Advocate-General Defends Ordinance XIX

NO LEGAL JUSTIFICATION TO EXECUTE PRISONERS, ARGUES DOCTOR KEDAR

NAGPUR, April 11 (A.P.I.)—When the hearing of the 'habeas corpus' application on behalf of the seven prisoners condemned to death in the Chimur and Ashti cases was continued this morning by Justice Sir M. B. Niyogi and Mr. Justice C. R. Hameon, Doctor Kedar, defence counsel, quoted a large number of judgments in support of his principal argument, namely, that there was no legal justification for executing the prisoners.

He said that as soon as the special tribunals broke up there were no successors to them in office to issue warrants of execution. The Sessions Judge of Wardha who had signed the warrants of execution was not vested with proper authority. Therefore, the sentence of death could not be executed. He pleaded that their Lordships could only interpret the law as it stood.

Justice Niyogi: "Your point is that if you want to execute me show me the law."

Dr. Kedar: "Yes, Sir, where is the legal justification for it. If there is no legal justification then any attempt to take away my life is nothing short of legal murder."

CROWN CASE

At 3 p.m. Mr. Hidayatullah, Advocate-General, started arguments for the Crown. He said that Dr. Kedar had placed greater responsibility in this case on the Crown Counsel and the greatest on the Judges but he (Advocate-General) felt that in the matter of plain interpretation of the law, as in this case before the Court, the responsibility fell on the judges as well as on the counsels of both sides equally.

Referring to the main argument of the defence counsel Mr. Hidayatullah said that the Ordinance XIX of 1943 repeated the entire Ordinance II of 1942, but took care to preserve the sentences passed by the special judges.

That Ordinance gave legal efficacy to the sentences as if they were sentences passed by trial held in accordance with the provisions of Cr.P.C. Sub-Section I of Section 3 of Ordinance XIX of 1943 not only provided for the past but also provided for the future by the employment of the words: "The sentence shall continue to have effect as if the trial at which it has been passed has been held in accordance with the Code of Cr.P.C. by a sessions judge exercising competent jurisdiction under the Code."

Mr. Hidayatullah had not concluded his argument when the case was adjourned till to-morrow. The case will conclude to-morrow.

ROOSEVELT-CONGRESS FRICTION LIKELY OVER FUTURE OF JAP PACIFIC ISLANDS

U.S. State Department Favours Trusteeship Of Colonies

WASHINGTON, April 11 (U.P.A.): President Roosevelt and a sizeable part of Congress are headed toward a possible collision over the future of Japan's Pacific islands.

There is a growing group in Congress wanting to retain all such islands under the United States flag.

The U. S. Navy will support this group but President Roosevelt, at Yalta, entered an informal agreement, which, if fully carried out, would appear to avert United States' annexation of Japanese mandated islands.

The State Department fully supports Roosevelt's Yalta agreement because it believes that the U. S. case for Britain, France and other countries, turning over their ex-mandates to a trusteeship, would be weakened by a policy insisting on the U. S. annexation of Japanese mandates.

The United States had hoped to have a pre-San Francisco conference on the mandate trusteeship problem but hopes for that appear abandoned with only 15 days left before the conference begins.

Americans Advance In Okinawa

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The Japanese News Agency said to-day that American troops have advanced further both in the east and the west coastal sectors of Okinawa. "On the west coast a force of about 5,000 Americans supported by 130 tanks had advanced to Nago village on the shores of Nago Bay", the Agency said.

ROOSEVELT CARRIES DAY

WASHINGTON, April 10 (Reuter): An amendment seeking to forbid the President from delivering any Lend-Lease goods to foreign Governments after the war was defeated in the Senate to-day after Vice-President Harry Truman had been forced to cast the deciding vote. Discussion on the Bill by the Senate is continuing.

Clark Kerr Knows Nothing Of Polish Disappearances

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, has so far been unable to throw any light on the question of 15 polish underground leaders who, according to the Polish Government in London, disappeared after presenting themselves on March 27 and 28 at the Headquarters of General Ivanov representing the Russian High Command of the First White Ruthenian Front.

It would appear that if political discussions are taking place with these Polish leaders under Russian auspices in Moscow or elsewhere the British and American members of the Commission of Three charged with the preparation of such discussions have not yet been informed.

Milk is children's ideal food which makes them strong and keeps them healthy. Milk obtained for children under the subsidised milk distribution scheme must be given to the children for whom it is meant. It must not be used for tea or coffee or any other household purpose.

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Good milk is available in Bombay City at cheap rates for children below ten years.

If you have not obtained a milk ration card for your child, do so now, by applying at your Ward Rationing Office.

Flamboyant Post-War Schemes Will Not Do

Premji Urges Comprehensive Food Production Drive To Tide Over Current Scarcity

BOMBAY, April 10 (U.P.I.)

A trenchant criticism of the present food policy of the Government of India was made by Mr. Mohammed Hasham Premji, Vice-President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, and a member of the Central Food Advisory Council and Food Grains Advisory Committee of the Government of India, in a statement to the 'United Press.'

"The food industry of the country to-day is subject to a comprehensive control from the stage of production to ultimate consumption," said Mr. Premji. "And yet it is a matter of deep regret that in spite of the opportunity that was available to the authorities in view of this control, the Government has failed to meet the deficit in our production. In contrast, a country like England has increased the area under cultivation by as much as 67 per cent, in spite of shortage of man-power there. The 'Grow More Food' campaign as it has been conducted and the financial help to the extent of Rs. 3 crores by way of loans and Rs. 2.3/4 crores by way of grants have not borne appreciable results. In fact, it is felt that the expenditure has been more on administration and the machinery set to operate all these controls than a real benefit to the country."

PRESENT NEEDS NEGLECTED

Mr. Premji referred to the plan of the Government to double food production in 15 years after the war at an expenditure of Rs. 1,000 crores, and said that the immediate need of increasing production to tide over the current difficulties and those which might arise during the period of intensified hostilities with Japan had been so far neglected.

"Arguments", Mr. Premji continued, "that the organisation of Indian agriculture to-day is such that in the short period not much addition to production is possible, will deceive no one. We have now lived through six years of war and food scarcity, and the Government had had sufficient time to organise a real production drive and place agriculture on a sounder footing. If the present apathetic policy is continued, we may not be able to increase food production unto eternity!"

Mr. Premji urged the public and the Government to bestir themselves early and take effective steps in the interests of guaranteeing to every person of this country at least a decent minimum of food for health and efficiency. Production from the nutritional needs of the people, he said, had been seriously neglected, and urgent steps must be taken to ensure that the people of this country get proper nutritional elements in their daily diet. "Even now, we have not an All-India food policy treating India as one unit for production and consumption to equate the sacrifices of the people all over, as is done, for example, in the case of sugar," he said.

COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES

Among other measures which, according to Mr. Premji, would ease the food situation in the country were a co-ordinated scheme of agricultural research on use of manures, maintenance of remunerative prices to the grower, removal of present deficiencies of the farming economy, such as, the small size of holdings, primitive technique, lack of irrigation facilities, absence of subsidiary industries and the defective system of transport and marketing. "The urgency of the problem," Mr. Premji concluded, "demands that execution of these measures cannot await termination of hostilities, as suggested by the Finance Member. These steps must be taken immediately in hand if the people of this country are to have sufficient food for their daily needs. A guarantee of reasonable and remunerative prices so as not to deplete the purchasing power of the rural masses must be given immediately in the interest of greater production and stability of the whole economic structure. In any scheme of planning, the interests of the Indian agriculturist must bear a high priority."

Krupp Steel Works Now In Allied Hands

A pre-war view of the Krupp Steel Works in Essen, Germany. According to a dispatch from Associated Press correspondent Robert Eunson, U. S. Ninth Army troops who entered the German industrial centre on April 9 found the Krupp plant completely bombed out. Not a wheel had turned there, Eunson said, since an R. A. F. attack on the plant on March 11. —U. S. O. W. I.

"All Of Us Winning War, Including India"

Mudaliar Does Not Believe In Outside Help For Solution Of Country's Problems

LONDON, April 11 (U.P.A.): Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, head of the Indian delegation to San Francisco, when asked, in an exclusive interview with the "United Press of America", what differences he noticed in the atmosphere of Britain now compared to his last visit, answered: "A 'victory mood' is now prevailing in Britain."

Sir Ramaswami said, "All of us are winning the war" in referring to the United Nations including India.

Speaking on India's presence in the British War Cabinet, Sir Ramaswami said, "India continues to be a member of the War Cabinet according to her convenience, the same as do South Africa, Australia and other Dominion members."

He added that he, himself, and Sir Firoz Khan Noon were attending War Cabinet meets in the same way that Field-Marshal Smuts, South Africa Premier, does whenever the latter is in London.

Sir Ramaswami, who looked hopeful, determined and confident, answered the direct question whether he "found his dominion colleagues sympathetic towards Indian national aspiration", proudly by saying. "Our solution is ours. I do not believe in sympathy from others—neither do I believe in asking for it from anybody. We have to solve our own problems."

Dr. Mahmud On Bangalore Fire

Says State Must Give Prompt Relief To Sufferers

BOMBAY, Wednesday (U.P.I.)

Dr. Syed Mahmud has issued the following statement to the Press:

"I have received a number of letters from Bangalore giving me details of harrowing tales of untold misery of the people who have suffered from the recent fire in that city. One whole bazar was burnt to ashes. The total loss is estimated to be about a crore of rupees. Sufferers are almost all Muslims. Muslims in the Mysore State are too poor to bear this loss. The fire broke out at 1 p.m. and lasted the whole of the following night. This sufficiently indicates the seriousness of the situation. I do not know when the fire origades arrived. The letters simply said that they arrived very late. I cannot say what were the actual facts. But this much I know that in an European city the fire brigade arrives within a few minutes. The Government and the Municipal Council are blamed if fire is not controlled in time. The sufferers are given compensation or relief according to the merits of the case.

"I am sure His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore will readily come to the rescue of his suffering subjects. The Mysore Government would certainly give relief in the shape of a long-term loan, if not full compensation to the loss, to be realised in instalments.

"The State Congress, I am certain, must be alive to its duty in this respect. The leaders there must be aware what the Congress organisation elsewhere have been doing in such circumstances in the shape of organising relief to the sufferers.

"I have no news what the Mysore State Muslim League is doing in this behalf but I hope the Muslim League will also do its very best in this matter.

The Bangalore Municipal Council do owe some duty and have some obligation to its citizens. What the Mayor and the Municipal Corporation did during the recent fatal fire in Bombay should serve as an example to the Bangalore Municipal Council to the misery under which the large number of its citizens are suffering at present. Lastly the Muslim traders of the Bangalore Cantonment who are comparatively in somewhat easy circumstances should come forward generously to help their suffering brethren.

ROGER MISSION ECHO IN COUNCIL OF STATE

British Firm's Member Appointed By India Govt. Without Consulting Federal Public Services Commission

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A.P.I.)

In the Council of State today, Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh asked whether 3,000,000 yards of Indian textiles had been recently exported to Egypt.

Mr. N. R. Pillai, Commerce Secretary, replied that a small quota within the total Indian export allocation had been recently fixed for Egypt.

SMUGGLING CLOTH TO CHINA

The same member asked whether a considerable quantity of cloth was being smuggled into China via Tibet from Bengal and other Provinces.

The Commerce Secretary replied in the negative, and added that effective steps were being taken to prevent any leakage that might have existed in the past.

Mr. Thirumala Row: Is the Commerce Secretary aware of the reply of his predecessor that some smuggling is going on?

Mr. Pillai: I am not aware.

Mr. Tirumula Row: Which statement is corect?

Mr. Pillai asked for notice.

FOREIGNERS AND MICA MINES

Mr. Narayandas Girdhardas asked whether Government were taking steps to prevent any foreigners getting control of the mica mines in India. Mr. Prior, Labour Secretary, replied in the affirmative.

BR. ENGINEERING FIRMS' ACTIVITIES

Sri Narayan Mahtha asked a series of questions regarding the activities of Messrs. Merz and McLellan, consulting engineers.

In reply to Sri Narayan Mahtha, Sir Mahomed Usman, on behalf of the Supply Department, stated that it would not be in the public interest to make the report of the Roger Mission available to the public.

Question: Will Government state whether a partner of Messrs. Merz and McLellan, a British firm of Consulting Engineers, was a member of the Roger Mission?

Answer: An engineer on the staff of the firm in question was an adviser to the Roger Mission, but Government are not aware whether any member of the Mission was connected with this firm.

ON ROGER MISSION

Question: Following the visit of the Roger Mission, did Government create the post of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, and did they appoint to that post, without advertising the vacancy and without reference to the Federal Public Service Commission an employee of Messrs. Merz and McLellan, one Mr. Mathews?

Answer: Yes.

Sri Narayan Mahtha asked whether about a year ago the Electrical Commissioner held a conference for considering 'inter alia' the capital expenditure on imported plant involved in carrying out the development of electricity in India.

Answer: The Conference recommended the heavy electric equipment that would be required in India for electric development in the post-war period.

Question: Is it a fact that the figure tentatively arrived at was Rs. 250 crores?

Answer: No figure was calculated by the Conference.

Question: Was an employee of the firm of Messrs. Merz and McLellan a member of this Conference?

Answer: Mr. Sharpe of Messrs. Merz and McLellan was a member of the Conference as an electrical engineer.

DOUBLE APPOINTMENT

The same member asked whether it was a fact that Mr. Mathews had been appointed, again without reference to the Federal Public Commission, as Chairman of the Central Technical Power Board in addition to the post he already held as Electrical Commissioner, and whether an American without any previous experience of Indian requirements of electricity had been appointed member of the Central Technical Power Board without reference to the F.P.S.C.

Q: Will Government state the reason for making these appointments without consulting the F.P.S.C.?

A: For both the posts the highest qualifications were required. The Government of India were satisfied that Mr. Mathews who had already served in India for about four years as Electrical Commissioner and had acquired an intimate knowledge of the power requirements of the country, was best suited for appointment as Chairman of the Board. As regards the Hydro-Electric Member, Government were satisfied that an expert possessing the requisite qualifications and experience was not available in India. Hence the question of consultation with F. P. S. C. did not arise. Mr. W. L. Voorduin who was the head of Project Planning Division with the Tennesse Valley Authority in U.S.A. and possessed the necessary qualifications and experience in hydraulics, hydro-electric developments, power studies, specifications and layouts, was therefore, selected.

Mr. Prior replied in the negative to a question whether Government would state if Messrs. Merz and McLellan was consulted at any stage with regard to the appointments to the membership of the Central Technical Power Board.

INDIAN TROOPS AND GERMANY

Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh asked whether Government's attention was drawn to the Press report that "it is most unlikely that Indian troops would be brought to Germany to participate in the occupation after her defeat."

The Commander-in-Chief replied: "The troops at the disposal of the United Nations will be used as is most convenient and economical in view of all factors involved. The Government of India share the views frequently expressed in this House and another place that it is desirable that Indian troops overseas should return to India as soon as possible, and they hope, therefore, that it will not be necessary for Indian troops to occupy Germany. I hope, however, it will be possible for Indian troops to be represented in any victory celebrations which may be held in Europe after the defeat of Germany."

NO SHARE TO INDIA

Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh asked: With reference to the proposed plan for the occupation of Germany after her defeat by Britain, Russia and the U.S.A., will Government state whether India is also be given a zone for occupation in the area assigned to Britain?

The Commander-in-Chief: No, Sir. So far as I am aware there is no proposal to allot specific zones to individual members of the British Commonwealth, and the Government of India do not propose to suggest that this should be done.

In reply to Mr. Naravandas Girdhardas, the C.-in-C. stated that there was at present no intention of establishing any naval or aeronautical training centres either at Vizagapatam or Cochin. He added that Indian Air Training Corps already existed in the Andhra and Ernakulam Universities.

SIX OFFICIAL BILLS PASSED

The Council of State today passed six official bills which had previously been passed by the Assembly. Five of them are bills to amend: The Factories Act 1934, the Indian Companies Act, 1913, the Indian Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Act 1941, the Indian Army Act 1911 and the Indian Air Force Act 1932. The sixth bill is to repeal certain enactments and to amend certain other enactments.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow.

TWO ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS RULED OUT

In the Council of State today, the President ruled out of order two adjournment motions to discuss the statement made by Sir Feroz Khan Noon in London that in practice India was a Dominion and would be represented at San Francisco as a Sovereign State.

The first in Mr. Tirumala Rao's name characterised Sir Feroze Khan Noon's statement as "grossly misleading." Mr. P. N. Sapru's adjournment motion sought to discuss "the position implicit in Sir Feroze Khan Noon's speeches at the Empire Conference that His Majesty's Government has set up a Government in India which has virtually developed into a dictatorship."

The President informed the House that the Governor-General had disallowed Mr. Tirumala Rao's adjournment motion, but Mr. Sapru's motion has been received later.

"Sovereign Nation Indeed"

Setalvad Exposes Noon's Assertion

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad has issued the following statement to the press:

"Sir Firoze Khan Noon is reported to have said in London that India represented by himself and Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar was going to San Francisco as a "Sovereign nation." Sovereign nation indeed! When the salaries of these so-called representatives as well as the salaries of the whole Executive Council of the Governor-General were refused by the Central Legislative Assembly only a few days ago and still in spite of that vote, the members of the Council, defying the vote of the Assembly, are still holding offices and claim to represent India at San Francisco. "Sovereign nation indeed, when the covenanted services like civil, police and medical as regards their appointment, promotion, etc., are controlled by the Secretary of State for India sitting in London. Sovereign state indeed, when leaders who will sweep the polls at any elections for the Legislatures have been in jail now for about three years. Sovereign nation indeed, when the votes of the Central Legislative Assembly passed by a large majority of elected members of all parties including the Muslim League are disregarded by the Executive Government. It is true that a popular government at the Centre has not come into existence owing to the leading political parties failing to come to an understanding. That, however, does not justify Sir Firoze Khan Noon and Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar, to paint a picture of the political status and sovereignty of India which is a travesty of the realities."

Indian Delegates To Be In England Till April 17

LONDON, April 9 (U.P.A.): It is learned authoritatively that the Indian delegates to the San Francisco conference will remain here at least until April 17 when they will fly to the United States. Meantime, all three of the delegates are having conferences with the War Cabinet together with Lord Wavell.

Attempt At 'Frisco To Give Hearing To Smaller Nations

NEW YORK, April 10 (Reuter): Mr. Sumner Welles in a radio forum discussion last night said that every sovereign nation should have equal voice in the General Assembly of the new United Nations Organisation. Otherwise, he added, small nations with advanced democratic principles would be denied effective participation.

Mr. Welles said that every effort should be made at San Francisco to find a way for the General Assembly to be given greater power of initiative "so that major powers will not be able to prevent smaller nations from appealing to public opinion of the world."

Neither Japan nor Germany should be permitted to join the League until "sufficient years" have elapsed for them to demonstrate that they will be fit members, he added.

India To Have War Museum

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A.P.I.): India is to have its own war museum. An Indian Army order announces that a board has been set up for the collection and selection of suitable exhibits for a war museum to be established in India after the war and also for the Imperial War Museum in London.

Taunton Opens New Ward Of Thana Hospital

THANA, Saturday.

Mr. I. H. Taunton, I.C.S., Adviser to the Governor, declared open the extension ward of the Vithal Sayana Civil Hospital at Thana on Saturday evening.

The Sayana Hospital is a model and modern hospital a few miles from Bombay. The Dewan Bahadur Sayana donated Rs. 5 lacs for the building and to construct new wards every now and then. The present ward opened by Mr. Taunton will contain 30 beds and a section of it will be reserved for the police.

Major D. M. Bhatwadekar, Civil Surgeon, referred to the larger number of typhoid cases in the town and expressed a hope that the Thana Municipality would appoint a Health Officer.

Mr. Taunton, spoke of the charities of Dewan Bahadur N. V. Sayana, to whose munificence the present hospital owed its existence. He said, it was a well equipped hospital very close to Bombay and therefore it was of great importance to Bombay, where in some hospitals owing to congestion, cases had to be refused for admission.

Referring to donation of "blood", Mr. Taunton said Bombay was far behind other provinces in India in the matter of organising blood transfusing services and he appealed to the public to come forward to support this humanitarian cause. In Bombay, Red Cross had started their own service, and it was by their help that the lives of a number of victims in the last year's dock explosion were saved.

Dewan Bahadur N. V. Sayana then accorded a vote of thanks to Mr. Taunton and to the guests.

Birla Declares Open New Premises Of Hind Bank

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. G. D. Birla, formally declared open this evening the new premises of the local branch of the Hind Bank Limited at Laxmi Building, Pherozeshah Mehta Road.

Welcoming Mr. Birla, Mr. D. P. Goenka, one of the Directors of the Bank, said that in about December, 1944, its Bombay and Calcutta branches were opened. The new premises of the Bank were formally opened today as they had only just occupied it. He thanked the local Advisory Board of the Bank and Mr. G. D. Birla.

BIRLA'S HOPES

Mr. Birla, declaring open the Bank referred to the great need in this vast country for Banking institutions. He hoped that the small banks, the provincial banks, etc., would be of service to the agriculturists at large in the future. He was sure that Banking was becoming increasingly important in Indian life.

Schools Committee's New Chairman

Mrs. Salebhoy Abdul Kader was unanimously elected Chairman of the newly-appointed Schools Committee of the Bombay Corporation at a meeting of the Committee held in the Committee room of the Corporation on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. P. K. Savant presided.

Thanking the members of the Committee for the honour done to him Mr. Salebhoy referred to several important issues, facing the Committee, particularly the drive for compulsory primary education and urged upon the Committee to continue the drive more vigorously and to resort to prosecution in case of defaulters. He was glad that the retiring Mayor had already settled the dispute about Kuran and hoped that the Schools Committee would implement the terms of the settlement.

Correspondents Of Dailies

U. P. Move For Full-Time Journalists

ALLAHABAD, April 10 (A.P.I.) Mr. S. W. Howard, a member of the U. P. Press Conference from Sitapur, has sent to the Secretary of the Conference notice of a resolution for discussion at the meeting of the Standing Committee to be held at Allahabad on April 15, asking the Committee to suggest that only 'bona fide' full-time journalists be appointed as Mofussil correspondents by the dailies wherever they are available and the practice of appointing part-time reporters should be stopped as it affects prejudicially the income of professional journalists.

Mr. Howard had written a letter to the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference sometime ago and has received the following reply from Mr. K. Srinivasan, Secretary.

"Under the conditions which obtain to-day, it is difficult to draw a line between those whom you would wish to describe as 'bona fide journalists' and those who contribute occasionally to newspapers. Newspapers would always claim the liberty to employ part-time workers, and no organisation can afford to interfere with them, unless it be on well-organised principles and understanding. It it jeopardised by half-timers, then a very strong case illustrated by authentic instances, would have to be made out before a body like the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference could be asked to consider the matter. If you want the matter to be pursued further I would suggest your approaching your local or Provincial Journalists' Association and suggesting to them to submit a well-authenticated memorandum on the subject."

The above matter is likely to be taken up by the Standing Committee of the U. P. Press Conference which will be held on April 15.

Sindhis Rescued In Philippines

HYDERABAD, (Sind) April 10 (A. P. I.): About 150 Sindhis who were in the Philippines when Japan declared war have now been rescued by the Allied according to a telegram received by the Sind Work Merchants' Association.

The Association has been also informed of the deaths of about 20, including four women, all Sindhis in Manila.

16 Editors' Appeal To Viceroy For Mercy

CALCUTTA, April 10 (A.P.I.): Sixteen newspaper editors of Calcutta, in a joint telegram to the Viceroy and the Governor of the C. P., appeal for mercy for the Ashti and Chimur case prisoners, "in the name of humanity and for better Indo-British understanding."

TWO 'QUAKE SHOCKS RECODRED

BOMBAY, April 11 (A. P. I.): Two earthquake shocks of slight intensity with their epicentres about 4,460 and 3,290 miles away from Bombay were recorded by the seismographs in the Colaba Observatory at 08.03 and 22.54 hours (I.S.T.) respectively on Tuesday, April 10.

KHAN SAHEB ON TEST OF EFFICIENT GOVT.

PESHAWAR, April 10 (U. P. I.): "I have only one aim in life, attainment of India's freedom, for the achievement of which I will continue using all the resources at my command," observed Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of the N.W.F. Province, addressing a huge public meeting here last night in connection with the National Week, Khan Aligul Khan, President, N.W.F.P. Congress Committee, presiding.

Continuing Dr. Khan Sahib said: "My Ministry stands for freedom of speech and press, but I will not tolerate ill-mannered attacks on personalities, for that is a sign of weakness and cowardice. A Government which fears healthy criticism, does not deserve to be called honest and efficient and will not rectify its mistakes."

In conclusion, the Premier promised amnesty to those who give unbiased and true evidence before the Corruption Enquiry Committee and help it in bringing corrupt persons to book.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna and Qazi Ataullah Khan, Education Minister.

Resolutions condoling the death of Khan Kamdar Khan, Congress M. L. A., who was murdered, and expressing concern over the death sentences passed on the Ashti and Chimur prisoners and praying for commutation of the same were adopted at the meeting.

STUDENT WORKER ARRESTED

AKOLA, April 11 (U. P. I.): Mr. Madhusudan Virale, a prominent worker of the Provincial Students' Congress, was arrested under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

BAN ON LITERARY CONFERENCE LIFTED

AURANGABAD, April 11 (U. P. I.): The Collector of Aurangabad has lifted all conditions imposed on the holding of the Marathwada Literary Conference to be held here under the presidentship of Mr. G. T. Madholkar, Editor of the "Tarun Bharat."

MRS. NAIDU ELECTED VISVABHARATI VICE-PRESIDENT

SANTINIKETAN, April 10 (A.P.I.): Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has been elected Vice-President of the Visvabharati at the last meeting of its Governing Body. She was also elected a Patron along with Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Foss Wescott, Dr. Tai Chi-Tao, Sir Mirza Muhammad Ismail, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Leonard K. Elmhirst and Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

ARRESTED FOR FLAG HOISTING

PURULIA, April 11 (U. P. I.): Mr. Atul Chandra Ghosh, President of the Manbhum District Congress, was arrested at Kanapara for hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of the National Week in defiance of the Bihar Government's order banning public display of the Flag.

ASSAM CONGRESS CHIEF RELEASED

NOWGONG, April 11 (U. P. I.): Mr. M. Tayabulla, President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, was released from the Nowgong Jail after 38 months' detention.

CONGRESSMEN ENTER IT AFTER 32 MONTHS

GAUHATI, April 11 (U. P. I.): The Congress leaders in Assam entered yesterday the Congress House at Gauhati, the headquarters of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, after 32 months since August, 1942, and held a meeting of the Central Board of Assam Constructive Programme.

It is understood that the offices of the Provincial Gram Sewa Sangh and the Assam Congress Assembly Party will be located there.

ROWLANDS TAKES OVER FINANCE

NEW DELHI, April 11 (A. P. I.): A Gazette of India Extraordinary announces that Sir Archibald Rowlands took over charge yesterday as Finance Member. Sir Sultan Ahmed has been appointed Vice-President of the Viceroy's Executive Council.

MILK POWDER FOR INDIA FOR THIRTY YEARS

WELLINGTON, (New Zealand) April 11 (Reuter): The likelihood of New Zealand supplying India with large quantities of milk powder is mentioned by the Indian Trade Delegation at present here exploring possibilities of post-war trade. They said there would be at least a 30 years' market.

WAR DISPATCHES OF C.-IN-C.

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter): Mr. Churchill indicated in the Commons to-day the Commander-in-Chief's dispatches on the war would be published in the near future—those concerning Germany at the end of the war with Germany. Those concerning Japan would obviously have to be looked upon with far more strict supervision, Churchill added in reply to a question.

CALCUTTA, April 11 (A. P. I.): Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani, M.L.A., has been elected President of the Muslim Chamber of Commerce for 1945.

Arrested Workers Taken To Ujjain?

MANDSAUR, (Gwalior State) April 9.

(From Special Correspondent)

It is rumoured that the arrested workers have been taken to the Ujjain Jail. On enquiry it is learnt that the arrested workers did their best to draw the attention of the authorities concerned towards the daily deteriorating conditions of grain and cloth which was assuming threatening proportions but the authorities paid no heed and Section 26 of the Gwalior Defence Act was resorted to. Consequently four of the prominent workers were arrested yesterday.

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COTTON PRICES REACH NEW LOW LEVELS

BEAR SYNDICATE PLAYS HAVOC

Bullion Firm And Shares Quiet

BOMBAY, April 11.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened steady but gradually sagged under realising by recent buyers. Local traders were influenced by the drastic drop in raw cotton prices. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. declined Rs. 10/- while Ordinary shares lost Rs. 1/8. Bombay Dyeings were quiet at a loss of Rs. 6/- but Kohinoors gained Rs. 2/-.

Bullion market was steady with persistent speculative support from professionals.

Cotton suffered another bad break ignoring all realities. Dangerous groups are responsible for the present state of the cotton trade which is entirely in the hands of powerful speculators.

SHARE BAZAR

The local Share Bazar opened steady and under scattered selling ruled quiet. There being no important development in the war situation, the market is adjusting as a result of sold out state but there is absence of any important investment buying and the market sentiment remains uncertain. There is more disposition to sell on a rise than to buy and the market is likely to be irregular with narrow movements pending fresh developments. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened to-day at Rs. 2020 and ruled quiet at Rs. 2015 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 380 and quietened at Rs. 378. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1773 and after declining to Rs. 1768 steadied at Rs. 1770. Kohinoor Shares placed at Rs. 594 while Associated Cements were done at Rs. 229.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, April 11.

MILLS.

Apollo 3/11/9 3/11/6
Bharat 58
B. Dyeing 1772/8 73/12 66/12 71/4 68/12 75 5/8 66/4 60 65
Central India (Ord) 378 76/8 77 76/8 78 75 76/8 75 76
Century 915 16/4 10 15
Colaba 207 6/8 7
Edward 570 75 67/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 82/8 83
Elphinstone (Pref) 122/8 21/14 22/8
Finlay 295/8 95 96 94 94/8 93
Gokak 293 92 93/8 91
India United (Defd) 2/14/6 2/15 2/14/6
India United (Ord) 14/2 14 14/1/6 14 14/1
Indore 697/8 95 96/4 91/4 95
Kohinoor 593 504 92 93 92 97 91 93 91 93
Meyer 176/14 78/2 76/14 80 76/12
Model 223/12 25
Morarjee 685 90
New Great 365 66 65/8 67 63/8
Podar 318/12 20
Sassoon Cotton 21/8
Shrinivas 340
Simplex 247 48 46/8 49 45 46/8
Swadeshi 536 34 35 34 36 31 33 31 32
Swadeshi (Pref) 147/8
Swan 323 24 23 22
Tata Mills 56 57 56/8
Vishnu 475

BANKS.

Central 75/12 76/8
Imperial (Old) 1965 62/8 70
Imperial (New) 487/8
National Savings (P. P.) 37/8
India 184/8 83/8 84
Reserve 32/8 34
Union 8/8 (Ex. Div)

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 223/12 21/4
Ajmer 14/14 15
Andhra Valley 1757/8 56
Tram (Ord) 146 46/8
Tram (Pref) 66/4
Hydro (Ord) 200 200/8 199 200
Power (Ord) 1850 47/8

INSURANCE.

British India 20/4
Empire 1080
Indian Mercantile 70 70/4
New India 76/8
Scindia 32/4 32/6 32/1 32/4 31/14 31/15
Jam Wire 143
Tata Steel (Defd) 2020 17/8 23/12 13/12 16/4 11/4 25 15 17/8 12/8 15 1997/8 2010 1996/4 2002/8
Tata Steel (Ord) 380 80/8 78 79/8 78/8 77 75 76/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 159 59/8 59/4 59/12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 410 14/4 6/4 7/8 5
A. Cement 232/8 29/8 31 27/8 28/12 28/4 29
Belapur 212 13/8 12
Burmah (Old) 515 11/4 12/8
B. B. Petrol 4/12/6 4/13/3
I Bleaching 165
I. I. Trust 116/8
P Construction (Ord) 201 200
P. Construction (1st Pref) 137/8
P. Construction (2nd Pref) 137/12
Shivrajpur 47/8 46 47/4
Tata Chemical 19/14
Tata Oil 64 65 64/8
Walchandnagar (Ord) 520
Western India Match 310
Alembic Chemical 321/4
Berar Mfg. 290
Cooria Mill 208/12
Surat Elect. (Pref) 192/8
Supreme Industries (Ord) 196/4

GOLD & SILVER

Active Speculative Buying

The local bullion market ruled very steady on active speculative buying and quotations hardened.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars of Silver at Rs 129/13 and 23,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 73/10.

The forward Gold market opened to-day at Rs. 73/2 and advanced to Rs. 74/3 under speculative buying and steadied at Rs. 73/15. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 74/10.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 129/8 and after declining to Rs. 129/4 under scattered selling firmed up to Rs. 129/14 on active support. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 130/14 and undertone was good.

The market ruled firm on active professional buying and closing quotations were as under:—

Ready Gold	74	15 0
Gold Settlement	74	5 0
Ready Silver	131	13 0
Silver Settlement	130	11 0

BOMBAY COTTON

RENEWED SELLING PRESSURE.

After yesterday's technical recovery the local cotton market was again depressed on renewed selling pressure.

A syndicate is operating to depress prices in view of approaching tenders for May delivery. Some bulls managed to take up delivery of about 1-1/4 lakh bales against March delivery but this year the standard type being interior and with usual uncertainties of survey results, the support is withdrawn and now the market is entirely left at the mercy of bears who are out to take the maximum advantage.

To-day the market opened at Rs 421/8 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 418 on renewed selling by Bear operators who are favourably placed under the present trading methods. Thus now Indian cotton prices are over 600 points below New York cotton quotations and in the face of small crop this year the market is being depressed. The third forecast of the Indian cotton crop will be issued to-morrow.

Later on the market became panicky and heavy nervous long liquidation together with Bear pressure depressed May delivery to a new low level of Rs. 413/8. Some short covering appeared here and May recovered to Rs. 415/8.

Prices improved to Rs. 418 on short covering but the Bear syndicate soon appeared on the floor and played a havoc and under extensive selling depressed May delivery to Rs. 413. The market is rendered to a speculative venture irrespective of any consideration under gambling mania. The market declined to Rs. 410/12 and recovered to Rs. 411/12. Even at this level there was no support. The market closed at 6 p.m as under:

I C C May	411	12 0
I C C July	429	0 0
I C C September	439	0 0

High And Low Cotton Prices

I.C.C. May Highest 423-1/2, Lowest 418, Closing at 6 p.m. 422-1/4.

I.C.C. July Highest 440-1/2, Lowest 435-1/2 Closing at 6 p.m. 438-3/4.

I.C.C. Sept. Highest 449-1/2, Lowest 444, Closing at 6 p.m. 448-1/4.

Karachi 42 May Highest 43/14/6, Lowest 43/5/6. Closing at 6 p.m. 43/13/0.

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 611 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

Ready Cotton Quotations

BOMBAY, April 11.

	1943/44 Crop.	Ready 1944/45 Crop.
C.P. 1 Jarilla	.....	450/435
C.P. 2 Jarilla	.....	450/460
Berar Jarilla	340/350	425/443
Punjab 289 F.	475/500	555/575
Punjab 289 F. sawgin	.....	.....
Sind N. T.	440/460	490/505
Muglai	330/340	385/405

Cotton Arrivals

BOMBAY, April 11.

Since 1st September

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh		37,867	44,959
Central India		29,956	44,078
Barsi and Nagar	76	52,019	46,981
Hyderabad/ Gaorani	154	20,575	13,461
Berar	1,332	175,263	203,196
Central Provinces		38,275	37,509
Total Comras	1,562	353,055	390,174
Dholeras	429	81,348	35,437
N-W Provinces		600	811
Rajputana		1,179	1,082
Sind Punjab	2,651	376,675	355,192
Broach	387	98,652	147,322
Coompta and Dharwar	492	44,901	16,531
Western-Northern	199	28,418	6,070
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	336	10,685	808
Soudan		1	59,951
Egyptian (other than Soudan)		147,367	103,597
East African		64,013	58,421
Comilla, Burma & other soris		2,770	1,185
	6,056	12,07,664	11,73,581
Arr. by road to 5th April		8,500	6,000

Cotton Room Rates

BOMBAY April 11.

Jarilla Extra Spr.fine 428 Sup 421 Fine 414 F Good 409

4 F Fun/American Extra Spr-fine 458 Sup 451 Fine 444 F Good 439

L S S do Extra Sr.fine 508 Sup 501 Fine 494 F Good 489

289 F do Extra Spr-fine 583 Sup 576 Fine 569 F Good 564

M G 4 F Sid/Ame Extra Spr.fine 458 Sup 451 Fine 444 F Good 439.

do N.T. Extra Spr-fine 508 Sup 501 Fine 494 F Good 489

FURTHER RISE IN N. Y. COTTON PRICES

Aggressive Mill Buying And Scarcity Of Contracts

NEW YORK, April 10.

Prices rallied on price-fixing, while the tightening in the spot situation influenced nearby deliveries with distant months helped by growing uncertainties in connection with new crop outlook and the floods in the Mississippi valley. The advances were extended on aggressive mill buying and scarcity of contracts with talk of higher loan basis a contributing factor. The session closed firm.

It will be observed that prices are steadily reaching new levels and crop prospects are not encouraging. July opened at a rate of one point at 22.08 and declined to 22.03 under scattered selling and this was the lowest level. Thereafter there was persistent buying and July advanced to 22.24. The session closed at a net rate of 12 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 13 points at 22.73 c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, April 10.

May	22.39+14
July	22.24+17
October	21.88+14
December	21.81+13
January	21.74+13
March	21.73+12
July highest (2-35 p.m.)	22.24+17
July lowest (10-17 a.m.)	22.03—04
Middling Spot	22.73+13

NEW YORK COTTON. NOON CALL

May	22.25
July	22.07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

May	22.35+14
July	22.24+15
Middling Spot	21.85+15

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, April 10.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-1/2, Consols 2-1/2 p c £83-5/16. Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106-3/16 War Loan 3-1/2 p c £105-5/8, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £114, Victory Bonds 4 p c £114, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £12, Hongkong & Shanghi Bank (London Reg.) £69-1/2, National Bank of India £43.

Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, April 10, (U. P. A.): Stocks made a broad recovery in trading on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

An improvement in the technical position of the market, traders aid, was responsible largely for the higher prices. Shares in the motor companies led the advance, some of them gaining as much as one point or more.

The volume of trading was heavy.

Gains registered by shares in leading railway and steel companies ranged to more than one point. Prices of shares in the oil companies generally were firmer.

New York Cloth Market

NEW YORK, April 10, (U.P.A.) Trading in the cloth market on Worth Street virtually was at a standstill today. Operators were preoccupied with on announcement of the government's Office of Price Administration of a one cent a pound price roll back on certain yarns—a decision which is expected to cost spinning mills millions of dollars yearly.

Produce Market

BOMBAY, April 11.

The local Linseed market was fairly steady on continued buying local shippers. It is understood that the ministry has bought Linseed at higher quotation but details are not available. Groundnuts and Castorseeds were quiet with a restricted business. Groundnuts Khandesh quality were quoted at Rs. 14/4 and Bold were placed at Rs. 13/12. Goa delivery quotation was Rs. 14/1. Castorseeds Bombay ready were quoted at Rs. 15/7 and Goa delivery quotation was Rs 15/8. Linseed C. P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 15/15 and Nizam territory Linseed was done at Rs. 15/14. Satna small Linseed was placed at Rs. 15/9.

Chicago Grains Market

CHICAGO, April 10, (U. P. A.): Prices were steady to strong at the close of trading in the Chicago grain pit to-day. Quotations on rye recovered substantially after a break on Monday. Most traders restricted their commitments, awaiting the Government's report on crop conditions which was scheduled to be made public after the market closed at 3 p.m.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 11.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/sh. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. O. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange. Quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

Forecast Of Cotton Crop

The Third All-India Cotton Forecast 1944-45 estimates will be exhibited in the Cotton Exchange (in the office of the East India Cotton Association, Ltd., and in the Trading Hall of the Association), Marwari Bazar, Bombay, and in the Cotton Green Building of the Association, Sewri, Bombay, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), on Thursday, the 12th inst.

BHUJ, April 11.

To-day Hundi Kories 355/8, Silver Rs. 107/4, Gold Rs. 71/12.

U. S. COTTON GOSSIPS

NEW YORK, April 10. (U.P.A.): The majority of opinion here favours continuation of the present upswing in cotton prices and few traders expect any important setback until the 23 per cent level is reached or until the market gets nearer the Commodity Credit Corporation's selling price which, at present, is more than three dollars per bale away.

Technical conditions or the sudden end of the war in Europe, with emphasis on reconversion problems, could bring recurring setbacks, but the long range view favours the upside, according to traders in New York.

LOAN PROGRAMME.

They cite, as foremost among bullish factors, firstly, the Government loan programme would prevent any drastic setback; secondly, inflationary psychology and, thirdly, the ever tightening statistical position.

STATISTICAL POSITION.

In addition, there is the outlook for a huge demand for raw cotton and cotton textiles after the war, traders point out.

The movement afoot to assure full parity returns to the farmer is expected to receive full Administration backing.

Also it is expected that the existing tight statistical position might become more acute if approval is given to the pending recommendation to call the 1943 and 1944 loan stocks.

Government now controls over 51 per cent of the total stocks in the United States.

Unless more loan cotton is redeemed "free" supply next July would be cut to only two million five hundred bales—a level too small to meet normal trade needs.

CROP PROSPECTS.

Early crop prospects are disappointing.

Rains, labour shortages and lack of farm machinery are expected to cut acreage below 19,000,000 acres, promising a crop of under 10,000,000 bales, which would be under the present rate of domestic consumption.

Brokers here recommend purchases of new crop positions on the theory that, if the parity goal is achieved, the present wide differences between deliveries will level off.

Brazil To Consume More Cotton

NEW YORK, April 10, (U. P. A.): The Wall Street Journal said to-day that more of Brazil's cotton crop will be consumed within that country in future. Brazilian authorities the newspaper said have decided that more of the national cotton production shall go to Brazil's own mills in an attempt to lessen the country's dependence on world markets for fiber and, at the same time, encourage the domestic cloth making industry.

It is planned to triple the spinning capacity of Brazilian mills with machinery which Brazilians hope to buy in the United States.

Hapur Market Review

HAPUR, April 6.

FOOD GRAINS:—

Maximum prices for the new crop produce were announced this week. They are as follows: Wheat 10/4 Gram 7 Barley 6 and Peas 6 Retail prices in the market are actually higher, Gram is quoted at 7/8, Barley at 6/6 and Peas at 6/2/6. Wheat is not available with the traders. New crop arrivals have begun, but as peasants are still very much engaged in threshing and winnowing operations the quantity received is extremely small. The following are the current old crop stocks here. Wheat 40 gram 0, Barley 51 and Peas 128 Khattis During the week about 29 Khattis of Wheat were exported from here.

POLSES:—

Arhar prices have recorded some improvements due to increased export demand. Old Khattis are quoted at 6/12 and new at 7/3. New crop arrivals have not yet begun but there is a heavy stock of 115 Khattis of last year's produce. Urad is quoted at 13/14 and Moong at 11/4.

GUR:—

Market remained extremely steady at the maximum control rate of 9/2. Arrivals are very poor due to the close of the season and peasants being occupied elsewhere. On the other hand there is heavy export demand. Arrivals averaged 300 to 350 mds daily.

BULLION:—

Market continues steady despite favourable war news. Weekends badla definitely encourage bullish tendencies particularly when Reserve bank offerings are not very liberal. Fluctuations were however, not very marked. The current rates are Silver 129/5 Gold 72/2

Rapeseed:—Since the announcement of the maximum control price of rapeseed viz 10 p m arrivals have been heavily reduced. Present market rate stands between 11 and 12. New crop produce prospects are believed to be excellent. Arrivals averaged 100 mds daily.

Hapur Quotations

HAPUR, April 11.

Wheat 10/4. Arrivals 50 Mds. Stock 23, Khattis Gram 7/10, Barley 6, Stock 43 Peas Old 5/7, New 6, Stock 127, Khattis Arhar Old 6/12, New 7/3, Stock 113, Khattis Rapeseed 11, Maize 6, Bajra 7/10, Jwar 8 Urad 1, Moong 11, Gur 9/2. Cottonseed 10/4. Chilki 9/4, Silver 130/11, Gold 73/6/4. Yesterday touched Silver 132/6 markets reached bearishly on profit realising liquidations Guwar 7/4, Bardana Wheat 55/8, Asuj 55/12.

FURTHER INCREASE OF Rs. 14 CRORES IN NOTE ISSUE

BOMBAY, April 11.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended 6 April shows total notes issue Rs. 1168,90,40,000 again Rs. 1094,65,95,000 showing a further increase over Rs. 14/- crores. Details are as under:—

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 8,59,12,000. Notes in circulation Rs. 11,00,31,28,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 11,08,90,40,000.

ASSETS

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—

(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 9,88,32,89,000; Total of a Rs. 10,32,74,32,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 18,31,85,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 57,84,23,000; Total Assets Rs. 11,08,90,40,000

Ratio of total of A. to A. to Liabilities: 93.132 p.c.

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Capital up Rs.	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government of India	2,63,38,35,000
(2) Government of Burma	64,52,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	21,87,31,000
(b) Banks	85,90,37,000
(c) Others	23,04,30,000
Bills Payable	6,16,94,000
Other Liabilities	16,36,73,000
Rupees	427,40,52,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Notes	8,59,12,000
Rupee Coin	22,09,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,99,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	3,19,53,000
Balances held abroad*	3,85,06,88,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	1,00,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	5,00,000
Investments	24,54,18,000
Other Assets	4,71,73,000
Rupees	4,27,40,52,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Limited for the fortnight dated 31st March 1945:—

LIABILITIES

Capital Subscribed Rs. 5,04,40,000; Capital Paid-up Rs. 2,51,02,000; Reserve and Contingency Fund Rs. 2,02,00,000; Deposits, Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills Payable, etc. Rs. 97,71,72,000; Sundries including Branch—Adjustments Rs. 18,59,32,000. Total Rs. 1,20,84,06,000.

ASSETS

Cash Credits and Overdrafts on—Government and other Authorised Securities Rs. 29,47,87,000; Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities Rs. 6,48,53,000; Bills Discounted Rs. 5,31,02,000; Lands and Buildings Rs. 98,34,000; Sundries including Branch Adjustments Rs. 14,17,96,000. Cash in hand at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, Government Paper Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures, etc. Rs. 64,40,34,000; Total Rs. 1,20,84,06,000.

Yarn Market Review

BOMBAY, April 11.

There has been no improvement in the Yarn situation throughout the whole country and although the new Yarn Scheme which was long awaited has come into force from 1st of April 1945, reports from all over the country regarding the supply of Yarn continues to remain very unsatisfactory. Owing to continued scarcity of supplies of Yarns, several hundreds of handloom weavers as well as power loom factories have more or less stopped working and to that extent, the production of cloth which is essential at this time has curtailed.

Reports from the Punjab continue to remain very unsatisfactory. In case of Bengal, the frozen Yarns that have been long in stock with the dealers for the last several months have not yet been released and thousands of handloom weavers are practically starving for want of Yarn. Similar situation continues more or less in several parts of the country.

So far as we understand no practical decisions have been taken with regard to the distribution of Yarn at the recent Meeting of the Textile Control Board and its Committees in Bombay.

As regards reports of imports of Cotton Yarns from Manchester no definite information is available, except that steps are being taken by the Authorities to facilitate imports of Coton Yarns in the next few weeks. It is, however, not known what quantity and what types will be imported and when.

On the whole, there has not been the slightest improvement in the Yarn situation. On the other hand, the situation is going from bad to worse.

Calicut Quotations

CALICUT, April 11.

Cocoanuts Raw 78 Dry 75 Cocoanuts 322 Copra Office 190 Dilpasand 206 Madrasnotiam 217 Goodgoods 216 Pepper Wynaad 370 Country 360 Dryginger Chernad 245 Ernad 230 Coffee Robusta 84

DEAD BODY FOUND IN RLY. COMPOUND

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The dead body of a male (22) was found lying on platform No. 1 at Dadar railway station this morning. The body is not yet identified.

FATAL FALL FROM TRAIN

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A season ticket holder from Mahim to Grant Road by name Mahabali Dalip fell down from a running train (No. 380) near Bombay Central Station. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital. But died on the way. His relatives have not yet claimed his body.

POLISH PREMIER TAKEN FOR TALKS WITH SOVIET?

Polish Peasant Party In London Throws Light On Mystery Of Witos' Absence

LONDON, April 10 (Reuter): The Polish Peasant Party in London declared today that the Polish peasant leader, M. Witos who was three times the Prime Minister of Poland has disappeared from his home in Wierzchoslawice, Poland.

As M. Witos was repeatedly threatened by the Germans with death because of his refusal to co-operate with them.

227 GERMAN PLANES DESTROYED IN A DAY

U. S. Fighters Break Record; Marshalling Yards At Leipzig Also Pounded

LONDON April 10 (Reuter): Reuter learns that 227 German planes were destroyed in air and on ground by American fighters over Germany today.

The previous record was 177 achieved on September 5th last.

R. A. F. bombers were again over Germany late on Tuesday night. They attacked another railway yard in Leipzig—third today—and railway yards at Plauen which is 90 miles south of Leipzig. Berlin was also bombed.

GREAT AIR OFFENSIVE IN ITALY

ALLIED HQ., MEDITERRANEAN: In a great air onslaught which paved the way for the new Eighth Army offensive in Italy, Mediterranean Allied air forces yesterday dropped about 3,400 high explosive bombs each weighing 100 pounds and about 180,000 fragmentation bombs in the area between the Senio and Santerno rivers.

Nazi Propaganda Of Hatred Fails

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter): The failure of German people to obey "no surrender" orders and to receive the Allies with "proper hatred" has become the main headache of Nazi propaganda. Never have so many songs of hatred been produced by the German press and radio.

East-West Link Up Within A Week

LONDON, April 10: The Western Allies and the Russians will join hands in Germany within a week. This is the conclusion of unofficial speculators here to-day. The most cautious think that the link-up will occur within a fortnight at the outset.

This view is shared by some observers in Germany, says a Globe Agency report.

Hitler's Adjutant Killed

LONDON, April, 10. (Reuter): The German news agency to-day announced that Colonel Heinrich Borgmann of the German General Staff and for a long time adjutant to Hitler has been killed on the West Front.

Berlin Shooting Mystery Revelations

BERLIN, April 10, (Reuter). A German News Agency report today identified the three men who were shot in a car while it was travelling towards Berlin on March 31 as Otto Niefert, Paul Huebergar, and Walter Wegwart, but gave no further details about them.

Reuter adds rumours during the last ten days have suggested that Field Marshal Goering was among the victims of the shootings.

GOVT. MUST ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONTROL BOARD

Chandavarkar's Suggestion Regarding Cloth Situation

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar, Chairman Millowners' Association, Bombay at its annual meeting held this morning emphatically stated that there would be no improvement in the cloth situation in the different provinces in India, unless the Government of India, without any delay accepted the recommendations made by the Textile Control Board from time to time.

He was of the opinion that the cloth and yarn controlling authorities should be brought under the control of and directly subordinate to the Textile Commissioner.

Appreciating the magnificent way in which Indian troops had fought in the war, he hoped that their contribution would be remembered by the Allied nations especially Great Britain when peace would be signed.

He urged for the appointment of a special representative to go round the various training centres in the country to see that the Indian soldiers were getting the full benefit of the amenities provided for them by the Red Cross.

EXCHANGE BANK OPENS UP IN KATHIAWAR

The first Kathiawar Branch of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa Limited, Bombay was declared open at Rajkot by Sheth Shantilal Mangaldas, Millowner of Ahmedabad on the 9th April, 1945, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

The Managing Director Mr. J M. Akhancy was personally present to welcome the guests.

Sales Tax On Bullion Abolished

MADRAS, April 10, (A.P.I.). The Madras Government have decided to abolish the sales tax on bullion and specie with effect from April 1. They have directed the dealers to take out the necessary licence instead.

ORDINANCE "ULTRA VIRES" SAYS DEFENCE

Hearing In Sachar Case Begins

LAHORE, April 10 (A.P.I.): When the case against Lala Bhimsen Sachar, leader of the Congress Assembly Party, on a charge of defying the Government order prohibiting him from attending the assembly, came up for hearing before Mr. F. C. Webb, 1st Class Magistrate, the Court asked both the parties to further elucidate the preliminary objections raised by the accused.

The prosecuting Deputy Superintendent, submitted, that the Court had to decide whether the Restriction and Detention Ordinance was 'ultra vires' or 'intra vires' of the Governor-General The Ordinance, he said, did not amend the constitution but had only taken away certain powers granted by the constitution to a member of a Legislature. Lala Bhim Sen Sachar, personally replied to the prosecution arguments.

CONGRESSMAN ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE COURT

Failure May Cause 7 Years' Jail, Warns Govt.

SYLHET, April 10. (A.P.I.). The Assam Government has notified that Mr. Jitendra Kumar Bhattacharya, a prominent Congressman of Sylhet, against whom an order of detention has been passed, should appear before the District Magistrate, Sylhet, within 15 days. If he fails to do so he will be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years or with a fine or with both.

10 Jailed In Nargunde Dacoity Case

MIRAJ, April 10, (A.P.I.) The sessions judge of Miraj delivered judgment today in Nargunde Saraf dacoity case in which 13 persons including some educated youngman were accused of dacoity Three of them were acquitted and the remaining ten were sentenced to seven years R. I. One of the ten were fined Rs. 3,000, in default to suffer two years jail. The amount of fine if recovered is to be paid to the Saraf.

Court Records Destroyed

HUBLI, April 10 (A.P.I.): Many of the records in the Court of the Resident Magistrate, Belgaum, were found to have been destroyed yesterday by an unknown person who broke open the lock of the Court. Some of the papers were thrown in a nearly well and others on the verandah.

LEAGUE MEMBERS STAGE WALK OUT

KARACHI, April 10 (A.P.I.): The members of the Muslim League Party staged a walkout from the Karachi Municipal Corporation tonight when the Corporation voted Rs. 500 being the expenses incurred on the civic address presented to Mr. Ghanshyam Singh Gupta, Chairman of the Satyarth Prakash Defence Committee during his visit to Karachi.

REMISSION IN 38 TO 44 VILLAGES

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 11.

It is reliably understood that the district authorities have recommended to the Bombay Government to give remission in the levy to the remaining 44 villages of Dhandhuka taluka, where the yield of wheat crop is expected to be less than 66 p.c.

It must be remembered in this connection that Government has given remission to 38 khariff crop villages of Dhandhuka taluka.

DR. AMBEDKAR'S BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 14

Rajahboj Appeals For Activities To Further Cause Of S. C. Federation On Day

POONA, April 10 (A.P.I.): Mr. P. N. Rajabhoj, General Secretary of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation, in a statement appeals to the scheduled castes to observe in a fitting manner the 53rd birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Founder of the Federation, which comes off on 14th of April.

He adds that during the week from 14th to 20th April the Scheduled Castes should engage themselves in such activities as would further the cause of the Federation.

Cholera Epidemic Not Under Control In Nasik

NASIK, April 10 (A.P.I.): The Cholera situation in the Nasik City shows no signs of improvement. 91 cases out of which 56 proved fatal were reported upto yesterday.

More inoculation centres have been opened to meet with the heavy work of carrying mass inoculation and arrangements for bringing fresh stocks of vaccine daily are being made.

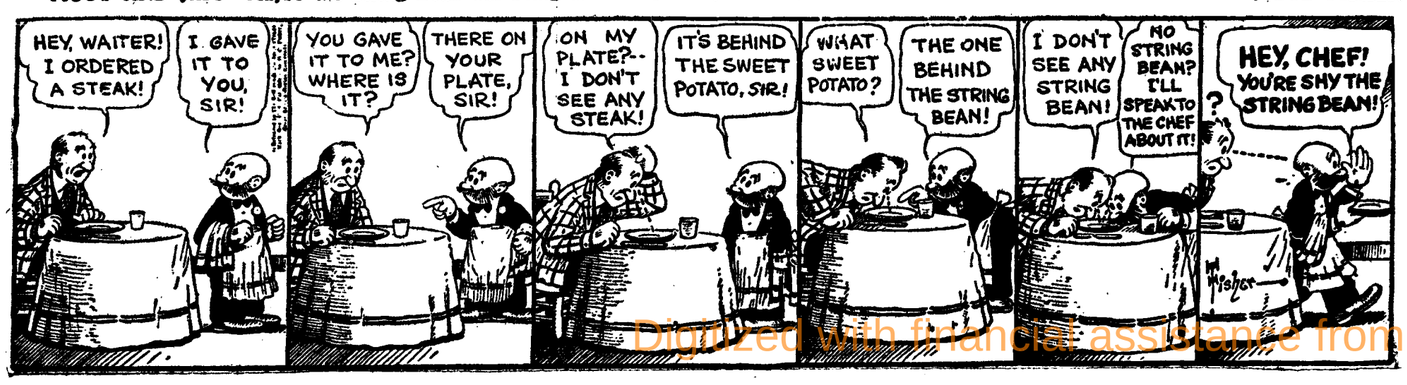
NEW TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN INDIA

Plan To Provide Advanced Instruction In Technology

NEW DELHI, April 10 (A.P.I.): The Government of India have appointed a Committee to consider the establishment of a high grade Technological Institute in India, possibly on the lines of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to provide advanced instruction and training in Technology.

The committee consists of Mr. N. R. Sarker, Calcutta, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Shroff, Bombay; Mr. W. W. Wood, Principal, Delhi Polytechnic; Sir J. C. Gosh, Director, Indian Institute of Science; Dr. Nazir Ahmad, Director, Technological Institute, Bombay; Sir S. S. Bhatnagar, Director, Board of Scientifical and Industrial Research, Delhi and other well-known industrial and technical experts of Hyderabad.

MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe the String Bean was being used temporarily at another table — By BUD FISHER


HEY, WAITER! I ORDERED A STEAK!
I GAVE IT TO YOU, SIR!
YOU GAVE IT TO ME? WHERE IS IT?
THERE ON YOUR PLATE, SIR!
ON MY PLATE?-- I DON'T SEE ANY STEAK!
IT'S BEHIND THE SWEET POTATO, SIR!
WHAT SWEET POTATO?
THE ONE BEHIND THE STRING BEAN!
I DON'T SEE ANY STRING BEAN!
NO STRING BEAN? I'LL SPEAK TO THE CHEF ABOUT IT!
HEY, CHEF! YOU'RE SHY THE STRING BEAN!
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Wanted two experienced Chemists for a Big Paints factory running in Northern India. Salary ranging upto Rs. 1,000 per mensem according to qualifications. Communicate in confidence giving full details with Box No. 2816, "Bombay Chronicle".

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Wanted an efficient Gujarati Tpyist, Stenotypist, with a good knowledge of English correspondence for a Business firm. Permanency of employment, good salary to really competent persons. Apply stating age, qualifications, experience and salary required to Box No. 2761, "Bombay Chronicle".

Matriculates wanted immediately, cash security desired, decent salary, posts permanent, also Non-Matriculates and Fitters, Turners. Apply Argus Insurance Company, 16 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. To-day Morning 9-30 hours. 7840

Wanted smart and energetic young Salesmen. Apply personally to Manager Bata Shoe Co. Ltd., opp. Crawford Market. 7814

Wanted experienced and trained graduate and undergraduate teachers, strong in Math. Eng. and His. for a local High School from next June. Please apply to Box No. 7800, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted an experienced Manager, Locomotive erecting shop foreman, or chargeman, Station Master, signaller, P. W. I. for Matheran Railway. Pay according to qualifications. Retired persons preferred. Apply with copies of certificates to Manager Neral. 2798

Wanted Graduates of Arts and Science—B. T.'s preferred. Apply stating terms, etc., to the Head Master, H. D. S. High School, Amalsad. 2794

Wanted from June an experienced Gujarati knowing graduate for English and Gujarati in the Matric Class and graduate and undergraduate teachers and a Lady Teacher (Matric or Graduate). Posts permanent. Pay according to qualifications and experience. Promotions, P. F., and D. A., according to school service rules. Apply before 25-4-'45 to the Head Master, D. E. Italia Sarvajanik High School, Chikhli (District Surat.) 7818

Wanted—Candidates trained in Veterinary science, Dairying, Poultry Farming or sheep husbandry willing to join service in Jaipur State may apply to the Director of Agriculture, Jaipur (Rajputana) before the 1st of May, 1945 stating their age, qualifications, previous experience and the minimum salary required. 2827

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Spacious Flat in Suburbs suitable for big joint family, to be exchanged for 2/3 rooms anywhere in city upto Mahim. Write Box No. 7839, "Bombay Chronicle".

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Stay at the Best Hindu Hotel. A calm quiet place with well furnished rooms. Hotel Brindavan, Race Course Road, High Grounds Bangalore. 7635

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Piles: For quick and prolonged relief use Haemovin (A British Product) obtainable at chemists or direct from: Oakley Bowden & Co. (Madras) Ltd., 11, Western India House, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay. 2731

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted: Stockists and influential commercial travellers on commission basis for "Vesco" brand essences and aerated water requisites. Experienced hands preferred. Please apply to:—S. N. Pathak, Proprietor, The Vesco Products Company, Batala (Punjab). 2817

LOANS & MORTGAGES

Loans given against pro-note any security at Cheap Interest. Kantilal Company 28, New Hanuman Lane, Kalbadevi. 7812

PUBLIC NOTICES

VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Matunga, Bombay.

NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the work of repairs to the South Workshop Block of the Institute.

Forms of tender, specifications etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 5 each, to any person deputed to receive them. The drawings can be inspected in the office of the Institute.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must be specified in the tender.

Every tenderer will have to pay an earnest money of Rs. 500. The last date for receipt of tenders is 18th April 1945.

Tenders should be addressed to the Principal and Secretary and delivered at his office, enclosed in a sealed cover.

The Principal and Secretary does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

P. N. JOSHI,
Principal and Secretary.
2828

NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING, under the auspices of the Bombay Muslim Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Anjuman-i-Islam Hall, Hornby Road, Bombay, on FRIDAY the 13th April, at 6 p.m. to welcome Mr. A. R. Siddiqi, ex-Mayor of Calcutta and Delegate to the International Business Conference held at Rye, New York, recently. Mr. Siddiqi will give a talk on "India and World Trade". Mr. Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola will preside. All are cordially invited. Members of the Chamber will kindly accept this as the only intimation and make it convenient to attend. 7844

THE WESTERN INDIA TANNERIES LTD.
NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY ANNOUNCED that the 59,509 forfeited shares for which applications were invited from the Company's shareholders, have been over-subscribed, and no more applications for these shares will be now received.

PRATAP PANDIT & CO.,
Managing Agents.
Bombay, Dated the 10th April 1945. 2824

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Sanitary Inspector in the scale of Rs. 45—5|2—65, plus Rs. 3|-, Cycle allowance plus dearness allowance as per sanction of the Municipal Board. The post is permanent with benefit of provident fund. The selected candidate will be taken up on one year's probation and will be eligible to be confirmed on approved service. Applications stating full details with copies of testimonials, if any, should reach the undersigned on or before 21-4-1945.

(Sd.) P. A. NIMANEE,
President,
Municipal Borough, Nasik.
Municipal Office,
Nasik: 9-4-1945. (2822)

NOTICE

WANTED TWO Chemical Assistants for the Custom House Laboratory, Madras. Candidates must be M.Sc. in Chemistry or its equivalent with analytical and industrial experience preferably with experience in sugar factories. Consideration may be given to candidates who possess the Associateship of the Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology.

One of these posts is reserved for candidates from "Other Minority Communities."

The posts are temporary.

SCALE OF PAY: Rs. 110-10|2-180-E.B.-10-240.

Candidates may be started with a higher initial salary in deserving cases.

Applications stating age, community, with copies of testimonials should reach the undersigned not later than the 24th April, 1945.

F. A. I. RICHARDSON,
Collector of Customs.
Custom House, Madras,
6th April 1945. 2805

INVESTMENTS

Want to invest Rs. 10 to 20 lacs in Industries|Business. Scheme for that invited. Write Box No. 7804, "Bombay Chronicle."

BUSINESSES OFFER

Enquiries invited from big and genuine manufacturing concerns both foreign and Indian to represent them in Madras Presidency on South Indian States. Please correspond with Dharma Veer & Co., 10, Mount Road, Madras. 2695

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Diamond Emerald Pearl second-hand jewellery purchased at better price. Also loans given. Please write phone 34276 or see 4 to 7 Chunilal & Co. 17, Dhanjee Street near Diamond Merchants Association, Mumbadevi Sunday closed. 7748

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted Typewriters Standard and Portable. Consult Bhatia & Co. (Typewriter Dealers and Repairers), 236, Kalbadevi Rd., Tel. 27792. (7788)

PUBLIC NOTICES

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF DISPOSALS
(DISPOSALS DIRECTORATE)

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following quantities (In gallons) of Cellulose Lacquer lying at the places shown below:

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Dope Sky Blue	5343	1920			190	6542
Thinners Ordnary.		305				395
Dope Aluminium	3316	7770		2450	2234	
Dope Dull Blue				1634	1719	31597

The goods will be sold in their present containers without guarantee of condition.

Firms desirous of inspecting samples will be given necessary letter of authority to inspect the stores at the station most convenient to them.

Offers should be accompanied by a deposit at call receipt for Rs. 500|- deposited as earnest money in Imperial or Reserve Bank of India or a Govt. Treasury in favour of the Director of Disposals, New Delhi. The offers should reach the Director of Disposals, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi by 4 p.m. on 30-4-45, and should remain open for acceptance upto 7-5-45. The sale of the stores will be subject to conditions laid down in form Con. 117 and delivery of the stores will be ex-site and removal should be completed by 31--5-45. Tenderers will be at liberty to quote for the entire quantity or a portion thereof. Rate to be quoted should be per gallon. 2796

NOTICE.

THE WESTERN INDIA MATCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Indian Mercantile Chambers, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay at 12-45 p. m. (S.T.) on Thursday the 3rd day of May 1945 to transact the following business:

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1944.
2. To declare a dividend and a bonus.
3. To elect two Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year.
5. To transact any other business which may be placed before the meeting by the Chairman.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th day of April, 1945 to the 12th day of May, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
STEN SUNDGREN,
Joint Managing Director.

5th April 1945.
Indian Mercantile Chambers,
Nicol Road, Ballard Estate,
BOMBAY.

The dividend and bonus when declared will be payable at the Central Bank of India Ltd., Bombay on and after the 9th day of May 1945 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 27th day of April 1945 and warrants will be posted in due course to each shareholder at his registered address. (2820)

THE B.E.S. & T. CO., LTD.

THE COMPANY GRATEFULLY THANKS all those Volunteers and Loyal Workers, who gave such valuable assistance during the strike, commencing April 7th, 1945.

The Company also thanks the travelling public, who co-operated so willingly during the period of inconvenience.

GENERAL MANAGER.
(2823)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for posts of Typists and Stenotypists in the Finance Department (Supply). The minimum speed for Typists is 30 words per minute and for Steno-typists 80 to 100 words per minute.

Pay according to speed i.e. for Typists Rs. 50|- p.m. with a speed of not less than 30 words per minute, Rs. 60|- p.m. with a speed of not less than 35 words per minute, and Rs. 70|- p.m. with a speed of not less than 50 words per minute, and for Steno-typists—the pay of the typist plus Shorthand allowance of Rs. 15|-- p.m. Dearness allowance will be admissible in addition.

Applications should be forwarded so as to reach the Establishment Officer, Finance Department (Supply), Ground Floor of the Secretariat, Bombay, not later than the 15th April, 1945. 2829

THE AIR SERVICES OF INDIA LTD.
(and reduced)
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will remain CLOSED from 23rd April to 12th May, 1945, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
KABALI & CO., LTD.,
SHANTIKUMAR N. MORARJEE,
Managing Director.
Managing Agents.

Scindia House,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay.
12th April, 1945. 2822

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition, received under Section 36(d) and (h) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special (Urgency) Meeting of the Corporation to consider the question of representing to Government the hardship that the public is experiencing on account of the difficulty in obtaining their requirements in clothing and particularly as a result of Government Orders allowing the supply of only one pair of Dhoties and only one pair of Sarees to a male and female head of the family every six months, etc., a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, THE 16TH APRIL, 1945, at 3 P.M. (BOMBAY TIME).

By Order of His Worship
the Mayor.
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office.
Bombay, 11th April, 1945. 2831

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites Tenders for the purchase of Second hand and damaged empty Kerosene oil tins. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Re. 1 per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 27-4-1945 at 3 p.m. (N. S. T.). 2815

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for three experienced Fitters for Diesel Electric Locomotive at Bandra Running Engine Shed on Rs. 50|- p.m. scale Rs. 50-71 (Revised) plus Rs. 18|- p.m. dearness allowance at present. Those with previous experience on these Locomotives will be given preference. No passes will be granted for interview. Selected candidates will be required to pass a trade test and medical examination conducted by the Railway Medical officer before appointment. The candidates must produce the original discharge certificates from their previous employers. (Sanction Bombay E-EX-C-No. 3)

LOCO. & CARR. SUPDT.
B.B. & C.I. Rly., Parel. 2818

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client Mr. DAKURNATH GOPINATH SHROFF, residing at Powwala Street, Charni Road Junction, Bombay, is the absolute owner of immovable property at Dhuswadi, Thakordwar, Bombay, admeasuring 317 square yards, bearing Collector's New No. 129, New Survey No. 279 and Cadastral Survey No. 2232 of Bhuleshwar Division and C Ward No. 3465, Street No. 5 and of 1|3rd equal undivided share in an immovable property at Malad, admeasuring 5,943 square yards.

Our client has recently come to know that some person has executed Deeds of Mortgages of our client's said properties by impersonating our client and forging his signatures. The public are hereby warned that our client has never charged or mortgaged or otherwise encumbered or alienated his said properties or any portion thereof in favour of any person and if there is any document purported to be made or executed by our client, the same is forged and not binding on our client.

If any person has dealt or hereafter deals with our client's said properties or any part thereof in any manner howsoever, he has and will do so at his own risk as to consequences.

Information with full details relating to any claim in to or over the said properties should be given to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 5th day of April, 1945.

SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT,
Attorneys for
Dakurnath Gopinath Shroff. 2758

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MEMON HAJI ISMAIL GANI has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim of any sort against the said Property are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within 10 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed and the claim, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land with the buildings standing thereon situate at Byculla Station Parel Road, Bombay in the registration Sub-District of Bombay containing 1081 square yards or thereabouts bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1483 of Byculla Division and E Ward No. 7582 (1) and 7584 (1) and Street No. 290 Victoria Garden Road.

Dated this 11th day of April, 1945.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street,
Fort, Bombay. 2825

AUCTION SALES

IMPORTANT SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AS "KASHGAR" AND "AVON LODGE" SITUATE AT THE SALUBRIOUS LOCALITY OF PALLI HILL, BANDRA (BOMBAY SUBURBAN DISTRICT).

Under instructions of the Bank of India, Ltd., the above two properties let in three and two tenancies containing about 3109 and 1444 square yards of land respectively will be offered by Public Auction on SUNDAY the 15th April, 1945, at 5 p.m. by Messrs SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO., of 123, Medows Street, from whom conditions of sale can be obtained. Title deed can be inspected by previous appointment at the Head Office of the Bank of India Ltd., Oriental Building, Bombay and the plans of the buildings at the Office of the Architects, Messrs. Gregson, Batley & King, Chartered Bank Building, Bombay

The sale of both the properties will be held at the premises of "Kashgar" one after the other.

The properties can be inspected from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
Auctioneers.

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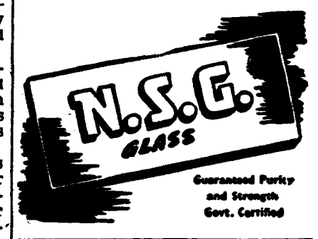

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A list of approved dealers is incorporated in the Brass Utensils (Control) Order, 1944, a copy of which can be obtained from the Manager of Publications, Civil Lines, Delhi on payment. If any approved dealer attempts to charge more than the price stamped on the utensil do not hesitate to report him to your District Magistrate or the Controller General of Civil Supplies, Bombay.

ALUMINIUM UTENSILS PRICE CONTROL

As from 15th March 1945, the prices of all aluminium utensils are controlled under the Aluminium Utensils (Control) Order, 1945. These ceiling prices range from Rs. 2/14/- to Rs. 3/8/- per lb. for various kinds of utensils, the average price now being Rs. 3/- per lb. or 5 pice per tola, as against the former uncontrolled price of about Rs. 5/4/- per lb. As quickly as possible, substantial quantities of aluminium utensils manufactured under Government control are being placed on sale everywhere through the usual dealers, and these utensils will have the controlled prices stamped on them. About 5,000 tons of aluminium per year are being released for this purpose.

KNOW THE FACTS-

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